ROUND 22

PERTH GLORY

		PG Games	PG Goals	NSL Games	NSL Goals
1	Jason PETKOVIC	49	0	204	0
2	Robert TRAJKOVSKI	72	4	158	6
3	Jamie HARNWELL	74	10	74	10
4	Ljubo MILICEVIC	21	3	22	3
5	Vinko BULJUBASIC	60	1	147	4
6	Gareth NAVEN (c)	128	6	140	6
7	Scott MILLER	133	12	182	15
8	Brad MALONEY	12	3	249	65
9	Alistair EDWARDS	58	21	138	31
10	Bobby DESPOTOVSKI	121	53	144	63
11	Kasey WEHRMAN	30	1	82	7
13	Anthony DANZE	0	0	0	0
14	Dion VALLE	32	0	32	0
15	Edgar ALDRIGHI JR	53	1	53	1
16	Damian MORI	20	13	319	161
17	Gary FARIA	17	2	17	2
18	Shane PRYCE	16	1	145	18
19	John CARBONE	42	2	42	2
20	Tony FRANKEN	39	0	278	0
21	PJ ROBERTS	7	0	44	1
22	Antonio NAGLIERI	0	0	0	0
23	Craig DEANS	25	1	61	2
24	Aaron COLE	1	0	1	0
25	Todd HARNWELL	0	0	0	0
26	Nick MRDJA	2	0	5	0
30	Tommi TOMICH	0	0	0	0

Coach – Bernd STANGE
Dev. Manager – Mich d'AVRAY

NORTHERN SPIRIT

		NS Games	NS Goals	NSL Games	NSL Goals
1	John PEROSH	23	0	67	0
2	Michael CUNICO	73	2	73	2
3	Matthew LANGDON	66	7	66	7
4	Matthew BINGLEY	53	6	242	42
5	Mike SMITH	7	0	150	19
6	Scott THOMAS	17	0	141	5
7	Robbie SLATER	61	10	251	57
8	Robbie ENES	57	1	127	7
9	Alex MOREIRA	15	3	79	30
10	Gabriel MENDEZ (c)	24	3	123	19
11	Troy CRANNEY	54	1	252	17
12	Ben BURGESS	20	13	20	13
13	Phil MOSS	37	1	37	1
14	Noel SPENCER	13	0	92	3
15	Tony PERINICH	23	4	95	22
16	Simon CATANZARO	21	1	21	1
18	Daniel WATKINS	31	5	71	14
19	Ryan GRIFFITHS	22	4	22	4
20	Paul HENDERSON	59	0	59	0
21	Adam GRIFFITHS	16	0	16	0
22	Jack SOBZYK	27	0	27	0
23	Adam SNYDER	11	0	11	0
24	Tony FARIA	7	0	7	0
25	Craig FOSTER	14	1	165	22
26	Joseph SCHIRRIPA	0	0	0	0
27	Stuart HOWSON	6	0	6	0
29	Todd MACRAE	1	0	1	0

Coach – Mick HICKMAN

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THE TOP SIX - CUT AND DRY?

After last week's results and with nine rounds still to go, the composition of the top six is already starting to look fairly clear. But again, like last season, there seem to be several interesting battles going on between teams that appear already assured of a place in the play-offs, with the Glory heavily involved as teams jostle to improve their position.

However, even the most ardent Glory fan would have to admit that retaining the premiership will be a very difficult task now, given the continuing outstanding form of leaders South Melbourne and Wollongong Wolves.

COULD THIS BE THE TABLE AFTER ROUND 30?

	Pts
1.South Melbourne	69
2.Wollongong Wolves	69
3.Perth Glory	65
4. Sydney Olympic	58
5. Melbourne Knights	52
6.Marconi Stallions	50
7.Adelaide City Force	43
8.Parramatta Power	40
9.Sydney United	40
10.Northern Spirit	36
11.Football Kingz	36
12.Canberra Cosmos	30
13.Brisbane Strikers	30
14.Newcastle United	25
15.Eastern Pride	18

Despite having played all three of the teams above them twice, Bernd Stange's side will find it hard to finish on top because it's difficult to see both Souths and the Wolves slumping in the final two months.

But with the top two still to meet for the second time, and Sydney Olympic also having to play both Wollongong and South Melbourne, second place and the chance to host the grand final again is still on the cards.

Wollongong have possibly surprised a few people this season and certainly don't look to be suffering a championship hangover. Neither does their sojourn to Vanuatu where they successfully qualified for the Club World Championship appear to have distracted them from defending their title as NSL champions, as it seemed to do with South Melbourne last season.

Sydney Olympic have also exceeded many pundits' expectations after losing a host of quality players prior to, and at the start of this campaign, including Brett Emerton, Gabriel Mendez and Scott Thomas.

Even though they appear to have struggled at times this season, Marconi look to be on target for a place in the finals once again, barring a dramatic loss of form.

That leaves one place remaining, and if they hadn't folded, Carlton would have almost certainly completed the list of contenders, so it's ironic that Melbourne Knights, who snapped up four of the ill-fated Victorian club's key players, should be the side most likely to complete the equation. Since Andrew Marth, Lubo Lapsansky, Steve Horvat, and to a lesser extent, Daniel Vasilevski, have joined the Knights, they've had some very good results, including that 4-0 thumping of South Melbourne a few weeks ago, and if they can get a bit more consistency going, they could cause a few more surprises.

Once again, two of the big Sydney clubs, Northern Spirit and Parramatta Power have been huge disappointments, despite recruiting well in the off-season and having strong-looking squads, at least on paper.

After a traditionally slow start, Adelaide City Force looked good for a while, but have struggled since Christmas. However, after last week's important 3-2 win away to the Spirit and with a game in hand (albeit against the Wolves), they shouldn't be discounted, as they showed last season with a barnstorming finish.

Football Kingz have just been too inconsistent to be taken seriously as a finals contender, as have Sydney United. As for the other teams, well they were never really in the race. In fact, survival for any of them would probably have been the only thing on their minds since the season kicked off.

Anyway, it's that time of the season to get off the fence and nominate the top six. Since there's a significant gap developing between the sixth-placed Melbourne Knights and the remaining teams, how about going one step further just for fun and looking into the crystal soccer ball to predict the complete NSL ladder at the end of Round 30?

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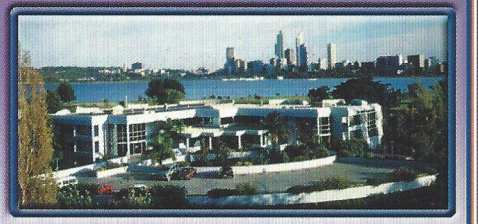

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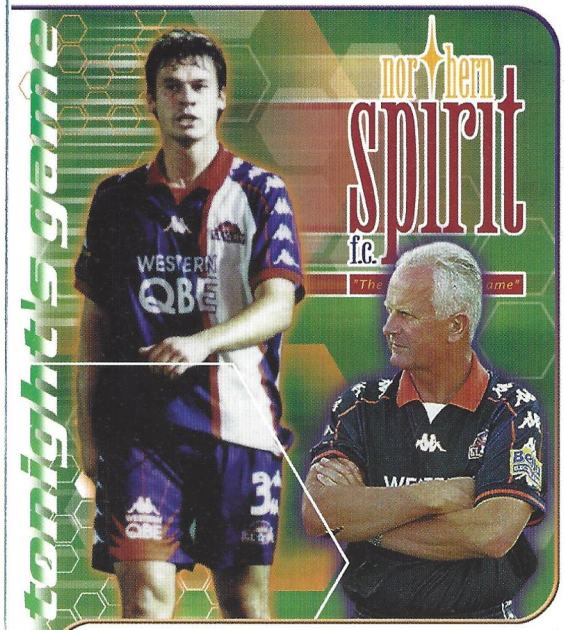


tonight's game

bound for glory

History was made the last time Northern Spirit visited Perth Oval. Sunday, May 7, 2000, was the date. The occasion was Perth Glory winning its first title...a 1-0 win over the Sydney side wrapping up the premiership.

Big centre back Jamie Harnwell was the hero.

Now that's familiar, for he's been cast in the hero role several times in recent weeks with sensational goals in draws against Wollongong Wolves and South Melbourne and last week's dramatic equaliser in the 3-3 deadlock with the Kingz in Christchurch.

He was also the goalscorer in that memorable game 10 months ago. It was his third goal of the regular season...and what a beauty.

He ran the length of the pitch to get on the end of a high cross from right wing-back Rob Trajkovski to send a stunning header past keeper Paul Henderson in the 38th minute.

The victory enabled the Glory to finish with 64 points from its 34 regular season games, four more than second-placed Wollongong Wolves.

The Spirit, in its second season in the NSL, finished 13th with 36 points, a disappointment after the club had qualified for the top six play-offs in its debut season.

This campaign has so far also been full of let-downs for the Spirit, which promised much at the start of the season but has delivered little, much to the disappointment of Glasgow Rangers, the majority shareholder in the club.

A barren run without success between December 22 (when it beat Brisbane 1-0) and February 16 (when it won again, 2-1 away over the Kingz) cost player-coach Graham Arnold his job. Arnie has since moved on to become Frank Farina's full-time offsider with the Socceroos.

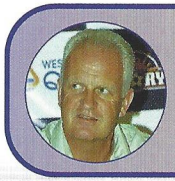
Mick Hickman, the Englishman who led Sydney Olympic to the 1989/90 premiership, has moved into the Spirit hot seat on a caretaker basis. There has been improvement to the club's fortunes, although last weekend's 3-2 home loss to Adelaide City Force might have dealt a death blow to its chances of qualifying for the top six play-offs. It is 10th on the table, 10 points behind the sixth-placed team, Melbourne Knights.

The Spirit, however, will still be a formidable opponent tonight. It has never won at Perth Oval...losing in the aforementioned game last season and going down 2-0 from goals by Paul Strudwick and John Markovski in the 1998/99 season...but a tough encounter is guaranteed with stern resistance from the likes of young gun striker Ben Burgess, keeper John Perosh, the experienced Craig Foster and former Marconi utility Mike Smith.

The Glory will be keen to exact revenge for the 2-0 loss at North Sydney Oval in November, a bruising game that saw Brad Maloney and Gareth Naven limp out of the action with long-term injuries. Burgess and Alex Moreira were the Spirit scorers.

By Mel Moffat
of *The West Australian*

The Coaches' Thoughts On Tonight's Big Match:



Bernd STANGE: "Every game is now a must win if Perth Glory wants to have another grand final in Perth."

Mick HICKMAN: "We travel to Perth for what is the hardest trip in the NSL. They are playing well and we have the job ahead of us. But, if we play to our full potential, we can win."

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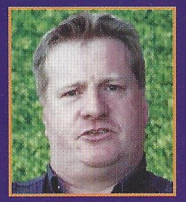
Perth Glory 2-0



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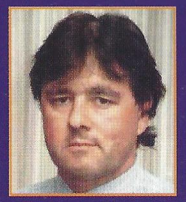

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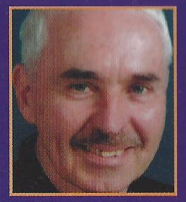

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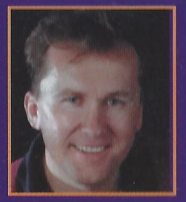
Perth Glory 1-0



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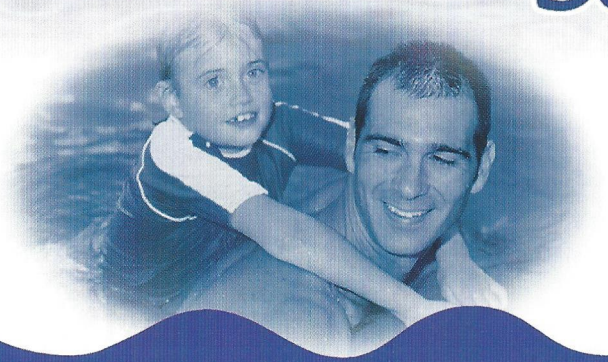

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LAST ROUND IN REVIEW

FOOTBALL KINGZ 3 PERTH GLORY 3

Perth Glory kept its hopes of a top-two finish alive when a last-minute equaliser by Jamie Harnwell earned them a point. The Kingz took the lead after 17 minutes when Gareth Naven inadvertently deflected the ball past his own keeper. Bobby Despotovski headed the Glory level 13 minutes before half-time, but Wynton Rufer replied to send the Kingz into the break 2-1 up. An own goal by Kingz keeper, Simon Eaddy, tied it up again, before Jeff Campbell put the Kiwis ahead for the third time with a blistering free-kick that cannoned off the bar and went in off Jason Petkovic's back. With injury-time just seconds away, Paul Urlovic and Harry Ngata both missed simple chances and they were made to pay when Harnwell outjumped the Kingz defence to grab the dramatic equaliser.

WOLLONGONG WOLVES 5 PARRAMATTA POWER 1

A stunning second half performance by Wollongong Wolves, which included a hat-trick to Saso Petrovski and three goals in a devastating four-minute spell, saw them trounce Parramatta Power 5-1 and keep the pressure on leaders South Melbourne. Luke Roodenburg gave the visitors a surprise lead after 28 minutes and they took the slender advantage into the break. But Petrovski levelled two minutes after the interval with a superb curling shot, then put his team ahead seconds later, beating Andrew Crews with a low shot from close range and three minutes later, Alvin Ceccoli headed the Wolves third. Petrovski secured his hat-trick 20 minutes from time and the rout was completed when Alex Tobin's backpass eluded Crews and rolled into the empty net.

SYDNEY UNITED 0 MELBOURNE KNIGHTS 1

Melbourne Knights consolidated their position in the top six with a hard-fought win in the Croatian derby, thanks to a goal late in the first half by Joel Porter. United could have taken the lead themselves moments earlier after a great run by Commins Menapi, but Zlatko Arambasic was denied by a desperate last-ditch tackle. The Knights countered and Joey Rajher found Porter whose shot deflected off Tom Maric and eluded keeper Steve Tolios. Porter and Adrian Cervinski both had good chances to extend the lead just after the break but couldn't find the target with free headers. The home side battled hard for an equaliser but the Knights defence stood firm and condemned Sydney coach Velimir Kupresak to a loss in his first match in charge.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 MARCONI STALLIONS 0

Sydney Olympic moved to within a point of the leaders with an injury-time victory against fellow top-six hopefuls Marconi. Troy Halpin's brilliant curling shot into the top corner was just reward for Branko Culina's side who dominated the second half of this Sydney derby. Both teams had strong claims for a penalty turned down, with home fans believing Angelo Costanzo handled in the area in the first half and the visitors calling for a spot-kick after a clash between Olympic keeper Clint Bolton and Costanzo later in the match. Halpin and Kresimir Marusic both wasted good chances at the start of the second period, while teenager Franko Parisi was denied by a fine save from Stallions keeper David Aceski, before Halpin's flash of magic proved decisive.

WOLLONGONG WOLVES 2 NORTHERN SPIRIT 2

Mathew Langdon's brilliant curling free-kick four minutes from time kept Northern Spirit's slender play-off hopes alive in a catch-up game from Round 14. The visitors went ahead after 26 minutes when prolific striker Ben Burgess converted from the spot after Alvin Ceccoli had blocked Mike Smith's shot with his arm. But the match turned with the Wolves scoring twice in 30 seconds. First, Paul Harries scored with a brilliant chip that went in off the post. Then, after the Spirit lost the ball from the re-start, Stuart Young lobbed over the stranded John Perosh from 35 yards. Wollongong had several chances to make sure of the points, while Daniel Watkins sliced wide from only a metre out for the Spirit, before Langdon's superb equaliser earned his side a share of the points.

CANBERRA COSMOS 3 NEWCASTLE UNITED 2

Mike Milovanovic celebrated his first game in charge of Canberra with three points and a first home win for the Cosmos since October. The home side took control from the opening whistle and hit the front after 24 minutes when Alex Castro nodded Shane Lyons' corner past Bob Catlin. David Milin headed against the base of the post soon after, then Stephen Kemp doubled the margin with an unstoppable 30-yard drive for his first NSL goal. Eleven minutes after the break, Mark Hagger made it 3-0, before Newcastle gained some respectability with a spirited fightback. Veteran striker Andy Harper capitalised on some poor marking to pull one back and Daniel McBreen gave his side a glimmer of hope with a second two minutes from time.

NORTHERN SPIRIT 2 ADELAIDE CITY FORCE 3

Northern Spirit's slender hopes of making the playoffs plummeted after another disappointing home loss. The Force took a 1-0 lead into the break after a fortunate goal. Spirit defender Stuart Howson stuck a foot out to intercept Ante Kovacevic's shot and watched in despair as the ball lobbed over his keeper. Carl Veart made it 2-0 on 56 minutes after his initial header hit the woodwork and four minutes later, Claudio Pelosi further increased the margin, blasting home from close range. Prolific striker Ben Burgess pulled one back for the home side with a fine finish for his 13th goal of the season, then in injury-time, Adelaide defender Fabrizio Bucciarelli's attempted header back to his keeper rebounded off the woodwork and dribbled over the line to make it 2-3.

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LEAGUE TABLE AND FIXTURES

LEAGUE TABLE AFTER ROUND 21

TEAM	PL	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
South Melbourne**	20	11	5	2	42	15	44	+27
Wollongong Wolves**	20	11	5	2	50	25	44	+25
Sydney Olympic**	21	11	4	4	39	21	43	+18
Perth Glory*	21	10	7	3	50	25	40	+25
Melbourne Knights*	21	10	3	7	41	32	36	+9
Marconi Stallions *	21	9	5	6	34	28	35	+6
Adelaide City Force*	20	8	3	8	34	37	30	–3
Parramatta Power*	21	8	2	10	31	33	29	–2
Sydney United**	21	6	5	8	30	37	29	–7
Northern Spirit*	21	6	5	9	29	28	26	+1
Canberra Cosmos**	21	5	4	10	32	34	25	–2
Football Kingz*	21	5	6	9	30	34	24	–4
Brisbane Strikers*	20	4	6	9	32	37	21	–5
Newcastle United*	21	3	8	9	20	36	20	–16
Eastern Pride**	21	2	4	13	25	34	16	–9

* Already awarded a 3-0 win bye due to Carlton's withdrawal.

FIXTURES THIS ROUND

Fri 09-Mar-01	Melbourne Knights	V	Sydney Olympic	Knights Stadium
Sat 10-Mar-01	Newcastle United	V	Adelaide City Force	Marathon Stadium
Sat 10-Mar-01	Canberra Cosmos	V	Wollongong Wolves	Bruce Stadium
Sat 10-Mar-01	Marconi Stallions	V	Eastern Pride	Marconi Stadium
Sun 11-Mar-01	Brisbane Strikers	V	Sydney United	Ballymore
Sun 11-Mar-01	Parramatta Power	V	South Melbourne	Parramatta Stadium
	Football Kingz		BYE	

FIXTURES NEXT ROUND

Fri 16-Mar-01	Football Kingz	V	Marconi Stallions	Ericsson Stadium
Fri 16-Mar-01	Adelaide City Force	V	Perth Glory	Hindmarsh Stadium
Fri 16-Mar-01	Wollongong Wolves	V	Newcastle United	WIN Stadium
Sat 17-Mar-01	Eastern Pride	V	Melbourne Knights	Mobil Park
Sun 18-Mar-01	South Melbourne	V	Canberra Cosmos	Bob Jane Stadium
Sun 18-Mar-01	Sydney United	V	Parramatta Power	Sydney United Sprts Ctr.
Sun 18-Mar-01	Sydney Olympic	V	Brisbane Strikers	Belmore Sports Ground
	Northern Spirit		BYE	

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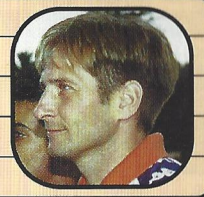
LEADING GOALSCORERS

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE'S LEADING GOALSCORERS

Player	Club	Last Week	Total
Ben BURGESS	Northern Spirit	1	13
Bobby DESPOTOVSKI	Perth Glory	1	13
Damian MORI	Perth Glory	-	13
Archie THOMPSON	Carlton/Marconi Stallions	-	12
Saso PETROVSKI	Wollongong Wolves	3	11
Scott CHIPPERFIELD	Wollongong Wolves	-	10

PERTH GLORY'S LEADING GOALSCORERS

Player	Last Week	Total
Bobby DESPOTOVSKI	1	13
Damian MORI	-	13
Jamie HARNWELL	1	5



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CROWD COMPARISON

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE CROWD COMPARISON

Round 21 (2000/2001)	**23,253**
Round 21(1999/2000)	**40,064**
Cumulative after Round 21 (2000/2001)	**770,372**
Cumulative after Round 21 (1999/2000)	**885,931**

PERTH GLORY HOME CROWD COMPARISON

Perth Glory v Northern Spirit (1999/2000)	**13,554**
Perth Glory v Northern Spirit BEST CROWD (1998/99)	**17,580**

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BOUND FOR GLORY

Date	Opponents	H/A	F-A	Att	1 Jason PETKOVIC	2 Rob TRAJKOVSKI	3 Jamie HARNWELL	4 Ljubo MILICEVIC	5 Vinko BULJUBASIC	6 Gareth NAVEN	7 Scott MILLER	8 Brad MALONEY	9 Alistair EDWARDS	10 Bobby DESPOTOVSKI	11 Kasey WEHRMAN	12 Peter BULJAN	14 Dion VALLE	15 Edgar JUNIOR	16 Damian MORI	17 Gary FARIA	18 Shane PRYCE	19 John CARBONE	20 Tony FRANKEN	21 PJ ROBERTS	23 Craig DEANS	24 Aaron COLE	26 Nick MRDJA
Sat 14 Oct	Wollongong Wolves	A	1-1	5443			4	S						Y				Y									
Sat 21	South Melbourne	H	1-0	14081		R						17			Y				Y	S							
Sun 29	Sydney United	A	1-2	5483		X	1			1	19	12		Y	Y	S						S					
Sat 4 Nov	Sydney Olympic	H	1-1	12894		X		S						1	Y	S		Y	12	4							
Sat 11	Eastern Pride	A	3-2	1846						19	Y	1				S			12		1	S					
Sat 18	Football Kingz	H	5-1	11909		17	14					17 2		Y 12		Y S	S		3	S							
Fri 24	Northern Spirit	A	0-2	5764						Y 12						S				S							
Sat 2 Dec	Adelaide City Force	H	2-0	10912			Y				14			12 1		S	S					Y 21 1		S			
Sun 10	Newcastle United	H	4-0	11873		14	Y 1				Y			Y 12 2		S	S	21 1				Y		S			
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Sat 30	Melbourne Knights	A	1-1	4871			1	Y 1			Y																
Sat 6 Jan	Brisbane Strikers	H	7-2	11942				14			19 1		S				S	Y 9	4			S					
Fri 12	Parramatta Power	A	3-2	5071	Y	23						S	8	19 1	1			X	1			S			S		
Sat 20	Canberra Cosmos	H	3-0	13277	Y	8					Y	Y S	S						1	1	9	S					
Sat 27	Wollongong Wolves	H	1-1	16019		8	1			S	X	Y S	6							19		S					
Sun 4 Feb	South Melbourne	A	1-1	12917			Y 1			S		17	S	9	Y					S					6		
Sat 10	Sydney United	H	5-1	13278			24			1	1		19	2	X			Y	1			S		Y S	Y 21	S	
Sun 18	Sydney Olympic	A	3-3	8669									19 1					21	Y 1			S		S			
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Fri 23	Newcastle United	A																									
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Sun 22	Brisbane Strikers	A																									
Wed 25	Parramatta Power	H																									
Sun 29	Canberra Cosmos	A																									
	Perth Glory Appearances				49	72	74	21	60	128	133	12	58	121	30	20	32	53	20	17	16	42	39	7	25	1	2
	Perth Glory Goals				0	4	10	3	1	6	12	3	21	53	1	1	0	1	13	2	1	2	0	0	1	0	0
	NSL Appearances				204	158	74	22	147	140	182	249	138	144	82	91	32	53	319	17	145	42	278	44	61	1	5
	NSL Goals				0	6	10	3	4	6	15	65	31	63	7	22	0	1	161	2	18	2	0	1	2	0	0

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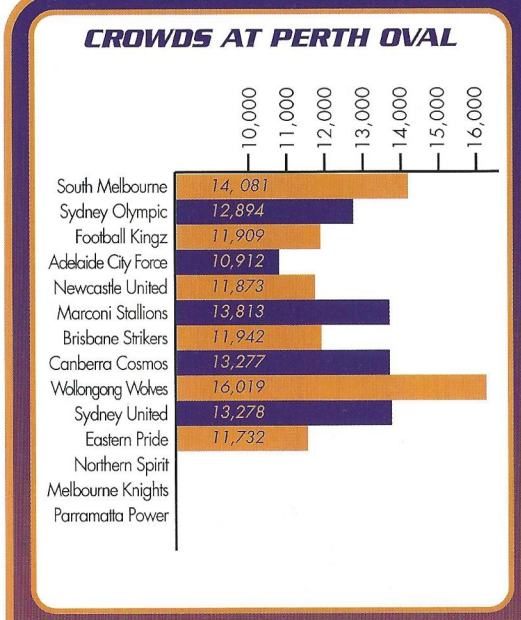

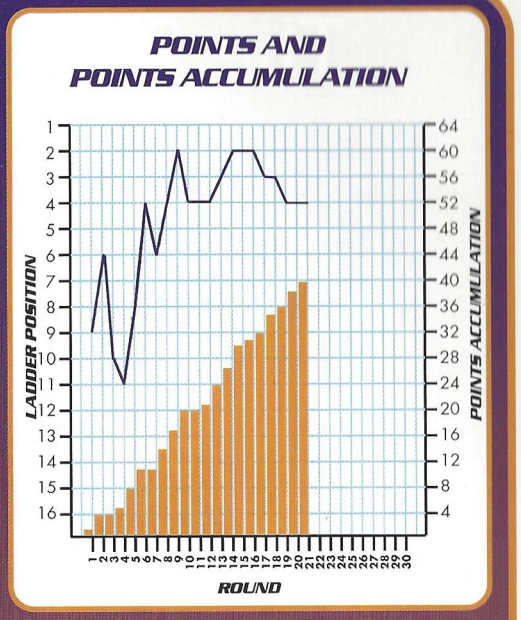

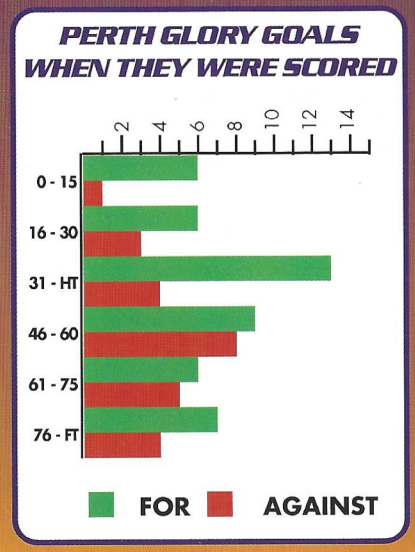

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CLUB HISTORY

In January 1998, Soccer Australia announced the entry of the 38th team to the NSL since its foundation in 1977. Northern Spirit's founder was high-profile Real Estate Institute of Australia head and former Marconi chairman, Remo Nogaretto. Other big names on the administration side were the club's inaugural president Kathryn Greiner (Sydney Councillor) and director Kerry Chikarovski (NSW Liberal Party leader). But it is on the field where it really matters, and again it was a predominantly high-profile and quality group initially enlisted. Returning to Australia to join the club was inaugural Spirit coach Graham Arnold. The prominent Socceroo was a great coup for the new club. Another prolific signing was Robbie Slater who, despite having the option of continuing his English career with Southampton, instead joined former Sydney United and Socceroo teammate Arnold at the Spirit. The club took the NSL by storm in 1998/99, making the finals at their first attempt and pulling record attendances - with crowds only comparable to those of the Glory. In the off-season, Scottish giants Rangers purchased a 51 per cent share in the Spirit. Yet despite the financial and management windfall, the club has suffered both on and off the pitch in season 2000/01, with inconsistent results disenchanting many spectators to the extent that home crowds dropped to the 2000s, and when Mick Hickman took over from Arnold, who joined the Socceroos coaching staff full-time, the Spirit were languishing in the lower reaches of the league and looking unlikely to make the play-offs again, despite having, on paper at least, a very strong squad.

Major signings: Gabriel Mendez and Scott Thomas (both Olympic), Noel Spencer (Wolves), Alex Moreira (Carlton), Ben Burgess (Blackburn - England), Craig Foster (Crystal Palace - England)
Major losses: Paul Wearne (Pride), Paul Bilokapic and Elvis Olic (both Sydney United), Shane Lyons (Cosmos), Sean Cranney, David Seal, Dean Culina, Abbas Saad

HEAD-TO-HEAD RECORD (ALL NSL MATCHES)

v Opponent	P	W	D	L	F	A	Best result	Worst result
v Adelaide City Force	6	1	0	5	7	15	1-0	0-3
v Brisbane Strikers	7	2	2	3	6	12	1-0	1-5
v Canberra Cosmos	5	2	0	3	6	7	3-1	0-2
v Carlton	5	3	1	1	9	6	3-1	0-1
v Eastern Pride	6	3	1	2	6	4	2-0	0-2
v Football Kingz	4	3	0	1	11	8	4-2	2-3
v Marconi Stallions	9	3	2	4	10	8	4-0	0-1
v Melbourne Knights	5	4	1	0	10	4	3-0	1-1
v Newcastle	6	1	3	2	11	4	4-2	1-4
v Parramatta Power	3	0	0	3	3	8	3-4	0-1
v Perth Glory	5	2	1	2	4	4	2-0	0-2
v South Melbourne	5	1	2	3	4	8	1-0	0-2
v Sydney Olympic	6	1	1	4	5	10	3-2	0-2
v Sydney United	6	2	0	4	8	7	3-0	0-1
v Wollongong Wolves	5	1	1	3	5	11	1-0	0-3

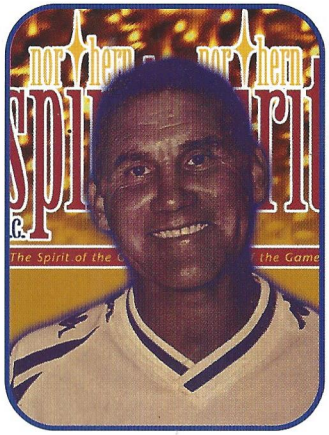
PERTH GLORY V NORTHERN SPIRIT PREVIOUS RESULTS

1998/99	In Perth	Glory	2	Spirit	1
	In Sydney	Spirit	1	Glory	0
1999/2000	In Sydney	Spirit	1	Glory	1
	In Perth	Glory	1	Spirit	0
2000/01	In Sydney	Spirit	2	Glory	0

COACH PROFILE
MICK HICKMAN

Five facts about Mick Hickman

- Born on October 2, 1946 in England
- Was hired by Graham Arnold as Northern Spirit assistant coach mid-season and was appointed coach until the end of the current season when Arnold became assistant Socceroos coach
- Coached Sydney Olympic (then UTS Olympic) to their only title in 1989/90
- Played in England for Blackburn Rovers, Brighton and Hove Albion, Grimsby Town and Torquay
- Coached extensively in England, winning the league with Reading and serving as assistant coach at Leicester City and Wolverhampton Wanderers



CAPTAIN PROFILE
Gabriel Mendez

Playing career - National Soccer League

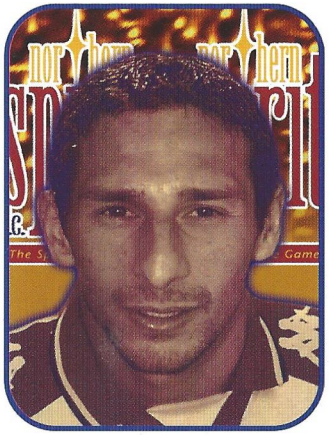
Seasons	Club	Games	Goals
1991/92	Marconi Stallions	5	0
1992/93-94/95	Parramatta Eagles	54	10
1997/98	Marconi Stallions	11	1
1998/99	Northern Spirit	13	0
1999/00	Sydney Olympic	29	5
TOTAL NSL		**112**	**16**

Playing career - other clubs

Seasons	Club	Country
1995/96	Admira Wacker	Austria
1996/97	Notts County	England

Five facts about Gabriel Mendez

- Born in Argentina
- Played 10 games for the Socceroos between 1994 and 2000
- Represented Australia in the 1996 Olympic Games qualifying matches, but broke leg in last qualification game against Canada which ruled him out of Olympic Games final squad
- Had extended trials at Estrela Amadora (Portugal), Southampton (England) and Boca Juniors (Argentina)
- Also played at NSW state league club Leichhardt Tigers



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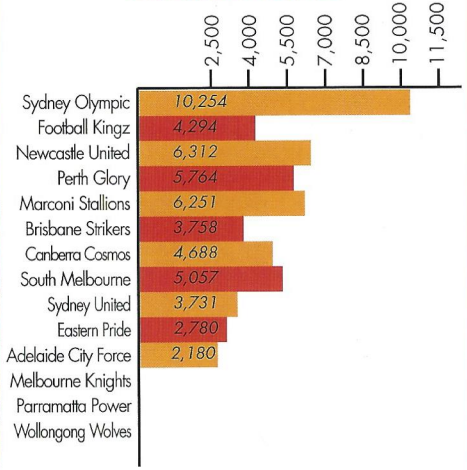

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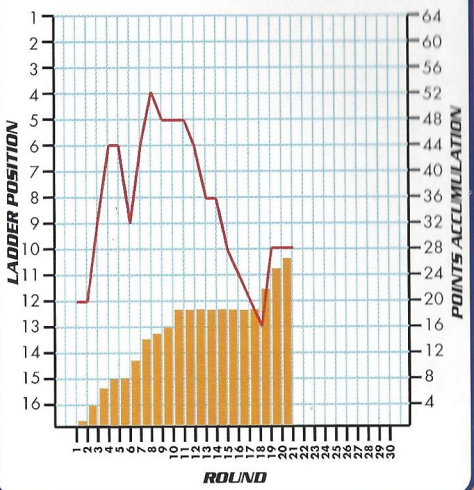


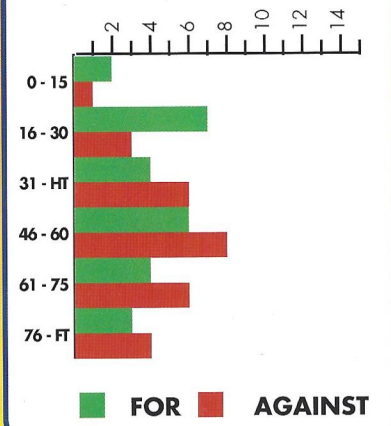
NORTHERN SPIRIT FORM GUIDE

Rnd 21 v Adelaide City Force (H)	- Lost 3-2
Rnd 14 v Wollongong Wolves (A)	- Drew 2-2
(Catch-up game played on Feb 27)	
Rnd 20 v Newcastle United (A)	- Won 4-2
Rnd 19 v Football Kingz (A)	- Won 2-1
Rnd 18 v Eastern Pride (H)	- Lost 1-0

LEADING GOALSCORERS THIS SEASON

Ben Burgess	13
Gabriel Mendez	3
Alex Moreira	3

NORTHERN SPIRIT GOALS WHEN THEY WERE SCORED



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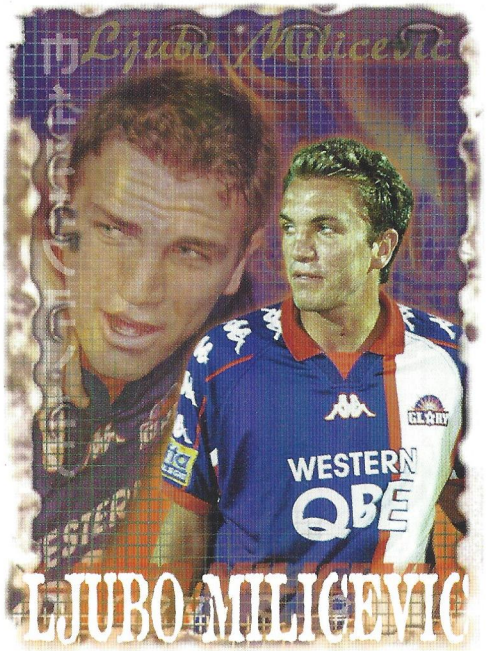

If there's a bright side to the drain of player talent to the lure of the European leagues, it comes in the form of being able to watch superstars in the making. Ljubo Milicevic emerged last season, especially during the finals campaign, as a star in the making. According to all reports, he further burnished that glowing reputation during Australia's qualification for the Under-20 World Cup finals in Argentina. Ljubo spoke to Bob Figg about captaining his country and explains why, in his case, the ultimate aim is the Nou Camp Stadium.

Congratulations on what was an excellent tournament personally and for the team.
Yes, it was good that we qualified - that was the main aim. The quality of opposition wasn't that great but you still have to go out and do the job.

Where exactly did you play
We were in the Cook Islands on an island called Roratonga and the conditions were pretty testing at times. One day there was a cyclone about 100 kilometres off the coast and we played on a pitch that didn't have one speck of grass on, it was just full-on drenched in water. But we had to come up, we had to battle through that. There are things that we just can't control and we won every game quite convincingly and yeah, I was very happy with the way we went.

I saw some footage of that game and as well as the water, it looked like you were playing in a car park.
That was a different pitch for that game, normally we played in a stadium, but it is quite an undeveloped country. There is only one road that runs through the island and it's about 40 kilometres long and you've done a lap of the whole island. It's very small, only about 4,000 people on the whole island so it was bit strange for us.

When you had the two-legged final against New Zealand, they gave you real fright.
We didn't take it for granted, but we just didn't finish off all our chances that we should have and we copped a few sloppy goals. In reality they had three shots and they scored three goals. We had chance after chance we just couldn't convert and we nearly punished ourselves. We were lucky the game was over two legs and we came through in the end.

You got the second goal in the deciding leg?
Yes, it was a very emotional goal. It was an important goal for us and I was just glad I could score it really.

It wasn't your first goal of the tournament, how many did you get in all? In the end I scored six.

From sweeper that's not a bad return.
Yeah, but the quality of opposition wasn't too great so it's not something I'd hold up there as an unbelievable display of scoring. The important goal was against New Zealand so I'm happy there.

In terms of overall performance, you got rave reviews in the reports we were receiving. You must have been pleased.

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Yeah, I was happy to play well, all the boys played quite well. Again, we had to go out there and do the job against opposition that we are not used to playing and in conditions we are not used to so yeah, it was good just to do my part.

Sometimes good teams struggle more against teams from a lower level than against sides of more ability?
They made it difficult for us. Some of the teams didn't try to play any football. They sat in their own penalty area with the whole team defending and it makes it very hard to score and frustrating at times. But we always scored quite comfortably in the islands and against New Zealand it was the same thing, they didn't even go out there to play football really, they just tried to stop us from playing.

In terms of your own development as a player, before you went away you made no secret of your desire to head to Europe, has that ambition been reinforced?
Yes, of course. It is a goal of mine to play overseas. Every player wants to reach the highest level they possibly can and for me, I think overseas is beckoning. It's just a matter of waiting now, keeping training and playing well and that's all I can do.

With the Glory, what is the story now?
Commitments Australia-wise don't come up until May 15 when we go to the East Asian Games.

And the focus is on getting the Glory as high as you can in the league?
Exactly. That's all we're after now, to try and get the Glory in a top two position.

Is that realistic now, with Wollongong and South Melbourne going so well?
They are going well, they've got a few points on us but we can't worry about that. We can't change what's happened in the past, we can only worry about now and that's winning every game that we can.

And what's next for Australia?
We have the East Asian Games in Osaka that's basically a mini-Olympics. Australia's sending 350 athletes from all sports so it's basically a very good preparation for us before Argentina.

And when does the Under-20 World Cup start? I think it's June 17.

Argentina is one of the great soccer nations; it must be great to go there. Soccer in Argentina is bigger than religion. Nothing compares to it. They watch soccer before they eat. It's unbelievable, I've been there once and to get the chance to go again is going to be really good, especially in a World Cup.

When did you go before?
I went with the Australian Institute of Sport two years ago in my last year. We went to Argentina and Chile and played against some of the top teams there like Boca Juniors so that was a good experience.

You're quite a cool character in that you know what you want from life and the game, how did it feel pulling on the green and gold shirt?
I think we were all bit a nervous in that first game because we didn't know what to expect from the opposition but we scored in the first few minutes so it made it a bit easier. Putting the green and gold on is the best experience you can have and especially captaining my country. I never dreamt of it when I was a youngster.

Any particular country you would like to play in?
It doesn't really matter what country it is as long as the club is willing to give me a chance of playing and the offer is right then I don't really have any preferences. You can't be choosy! I'll take the opportunity as it comes.

Have you had any firm offers?
I don't like to speculate. At the moment, it is really just a waiting game and I've got the World Cup coming up and that's an unbelievable showground.

Now, you're allowed to dream, growing up have you ever had that one team you've dreamed of playing for? Barcelona in Spain.

Are they one of the club's inquiring?
No, they'd be the long-term aim maybe, You've also got to be realistic. If I were to go now, it would be better not to go to such a big club. There will be a transition period. I hope when I do go, I'll get a good chance of playing.

Bob Figg

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SCOTT MILLER

MILLER CAN CUT IT

Scott Miller is back in Perth and ready to show Northern Spirit why Frank Farina gave him his Socceroos debut in Colombia.

The Glory are on a record 10-match unbeaten run, but some costly, if not creditable, draws against other top clubs has seen them lose ground in the race for a top-two placing and a chance to host the grand final.

The 28-year-old said they dropped points against lowly Spirit in Sydney and are not about to make the same mistake.

Miller's courage, hard work, tenacity, jinking runs, crosses and goals brought him to the attention of Farina, even though the Glory wing-back's dreams of national selection all but died two years ago.

Opponents, teammates and the Glory coaching staff have championed his cause this season, demanding Farina think hard about the left-footer. Even then, Miller's selection was a surprise, especially to himself.

"I stopped thinking about it two years ago," he said. "What with the quality of players around, my age and never having been in the (national) system, I wasn't waiting any more."

Miller said it just shows that so long as you concentrate and play well, opportunities will come at some stage.

The Glory player got his chance with 20 minutes to go - "when everyone else was just about knackered because of the altitude".

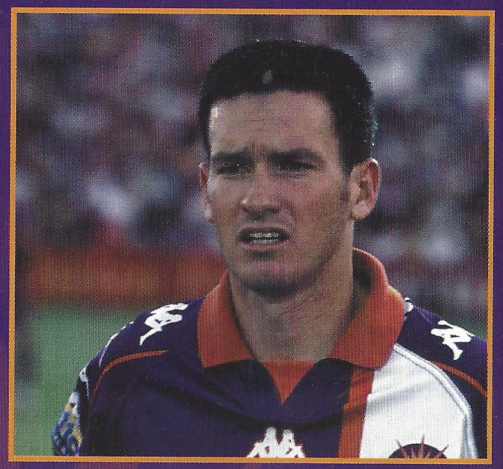
"I got in a couple of tackles and made a couple of passes, but mostly I was chasing around," Miller said. "Frank likes you to get forward and back.

"There were three goals (scored) while I was on and we scored two.

"My close friends and teammates have reminded me that we won 2-1 while I was on, which is nice of them."

Farina opted for a 4-4-2 formation with Miller slotting in on the left side of midfield late in the game.

"That was good because I didn't have to chase back quite as much (as he usually does) and spent more time in attack," added Miller.



"I'd never played 4-4-2, so I got to learn new things. I just didn't get a chance to go on a run.

"It was a scrappy game because of the state of the pitch and the altitude. We had only three days to get acclimatised, so it was hard on the boys. We knew it was going to be scrappy."

The wing-back said the enormity of his Socceroos call-up didn't sink in until he had his shirt on and was about to walk onto the park.

"I got a bit of the shakes," he said.

And now that he has had a taste, he wants more. Miller said it was his proudest moment in football and is pleased to have represented his country, but he wants to say he played more than once. To achieve his goal he knows he has to continue playing well, especially against the likes of Northern Spirit.

"It was a nice experience to go away, but this is my job, Miller said. "We've got to win if we want to get into the top two."

George Temple,
British Soccer Week

BOBBY DESPOTOVSKI

BOBBY 10 FOOTBALL WORLD

Glory fans who just can't get enough of goalscoring ace Bobby Despotovski will soon have even more opportunities to see their hero.

Despotovski recently took over the popular Ian Bird Sports Forum soccer shop in Wesley Arcade, Perth and is planning a grand opening in the next few weeks to celebrate the newly named Bobby 10 Football World.

Obviously while he's still playing for the Glory, Despotovski's involvement will be restricted but he intends to be around the shop whenever he can.

"I'll be there as much as possible and for any promotion work or if people want me to sign something, I'll be available for that," he said.

And there could be some great benefits for Glory supporters in the future.

"Yes, if it can be arranged with the club. I'd have to speak to Roger (Lefort) and Jeff Dennis, so we can arrange something for the Glory members, definitely."

Despotovski is excited about his new venture but admits it is a totally new area for him. However, he has plenty of assistance and well-wishers on hand.

"A lot of people are helping me now," he said. "Janice Williams has been here at the store for 11 years and she's going to basically run the store and I'll be more of a silent partner.

"And all the guys (Glory teammates) have been very supportive and they're ordering their boots through me.

"It (the idea to buy the shop) just came up recently but it's a good opportunity after soccer to do something to be involved in the sport, to give something back to the people."

The 29-year-old is currently in the best form of his career and is the NSL's joint leading goalscorer, along with teammate Damian Mori and Ben Burgess, who will line up for Northern Spirit tonight. With 13 goals already this campaign, Despotovski is well on track to better his previous season's high of 14, achieved in the club's inaugural year, and there's no doubt his high profile and popularity in Perth will help promote Bobby 10 Football World.

"Yes, that will help a bit," he said, "but I'm also going to be advertising in the paper, the Glory programme and wherever else I can."

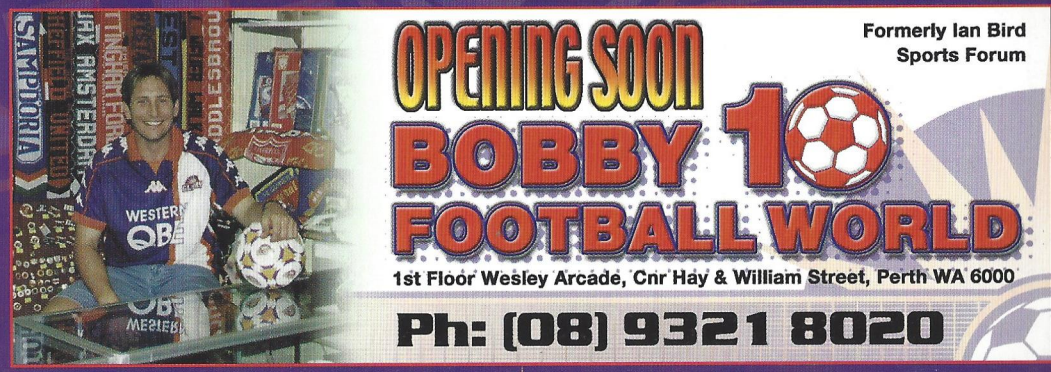
Apart from the name change, Despotovski isn't planning to alter too much on the inside but he does have plans to move the shop downstairs to the ground floor at the front where it will be more accessible and noticeable to passers-by.

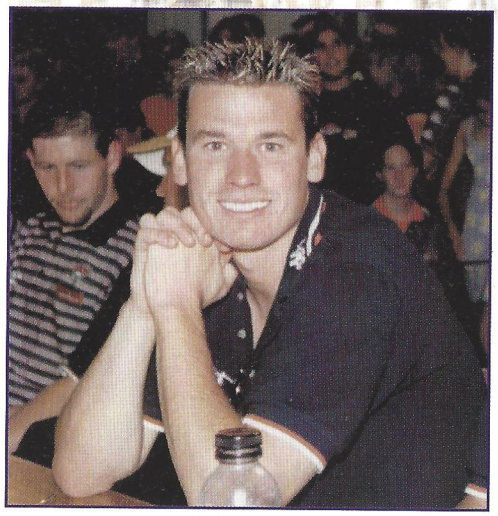
But probably the most important question and the one most of his supporters are concerned about - will the time and work involved, particularly in the first few months, affect his performances on the pitch?

"Oh no, definitely," he replied quickly, "it's not going to affect my soccer and I intend to keep it that way.

"Most of the soccer players in Australia don't think about those things (running a business) but actually a lot of players in Europe and England, they're all running their restaurants and stores or something like that."

So don't forget, keep a look out for the upcoming opening of Bobby Despotovski's exciting new store, Bobby10 Football World.





Glory "Chip In" For Good Cause

"High-rollers" on a Riverboat Gambler Cruise aboard MV Perth recently gambled their bonus money away for the benefit of one of Perth Glory's two nominated charities for this season, the Wembley-based Speech & Hearing Centre - a non-government organisation that teaches children with communication disabilities to listen and speak. At a Fisher & Paykel Product Training Night for Retailers, staff from Betta Electrical & Gas, Rick Hart and Perth Glory players chipped in to raise money to purchase a fridge for the Day Care Centre. Jamie Harnwell and Fisher & Paykel's State Manager, Greg Sadler, visited The Speech & Hearing Centre on Thursday (March 8) to deliver their gift to the children.

On Your Bike!

Perth Glory have faced many obstacles over the past couple of seasons but next Saturday, March 17, one of Bernd Stange's team will come up against a big challenge of a different kind. The player (who is still to be confirmed because the Glory have an away match in Adelaide the night before) will be at the Speed Dome in Midvale, taking part in the Bike For Bibles Big Challenge.

Bike For Bibles co-ordinator, Rodney Olsen, said the event was a fundraiser for literacy programmes for minority groups in Myanmar (formerly known as Burma).

"At the moment, they are all currently speaking Burmese," Mr Olsen said. "The idea is to raise money to supply them with the literary material so they can learn to read and write in their own language, in their mother tongue."

The Big Challenge sees cyclists and rollerbladers completing laps of either the indoor or outdoor tracks and Mr Olsen said it was usually a mix of serious competitors, who liked to set their own targets and beat personal records on the day, and those who were just along for a bit of fun.

He said he was delighted the Glory would be sending a player along to help raise the profile of the event.

"We had a very quick reply from Perth Glory," he said, "and whoever comes along will be very popular and will be meeting fans and signing autographs."

"It will also be a nice reward for the people who've been working hard all day to fundraise."

There will also be a host of off-track entertainment including a horizontal bungee, a bouncy castle and loads of prizes and giveaways.

Player Promotions For The Next Fortnight

Sun Mar 11: John Carbone and Aaron Cole will be at Bake'n'Take with Coca Cola between 11:00am and midday.
Sat Mar 17: Two players (to be confirmed) will be at Rottnest for Sport International at 2:00pm
Sat Mar 17: One player (to be confirmed) will be at the Speed Dome with Bike for Bibles
Wed Mar 21: One player (to be confirmed) will be at Queens Park Soccer Club from 5:45pm
Wed Mar 21: Kasey Wehrman and Ljubo Milicevic will be working with Radio Lollipop between 10:00am and 11:00am and 12:30pm and 1:30pm.
Thurs Mar 22: Dion Valle and Damian Mori will be at Traveland in Midland between 7:30pm and 8:30pm.

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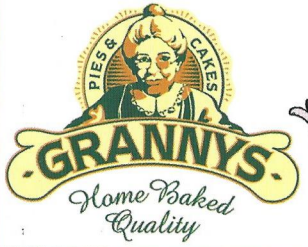

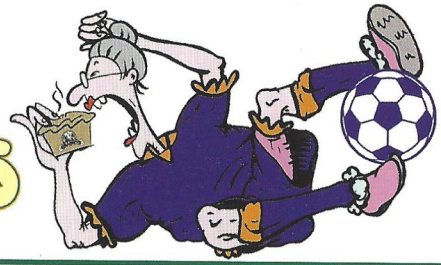

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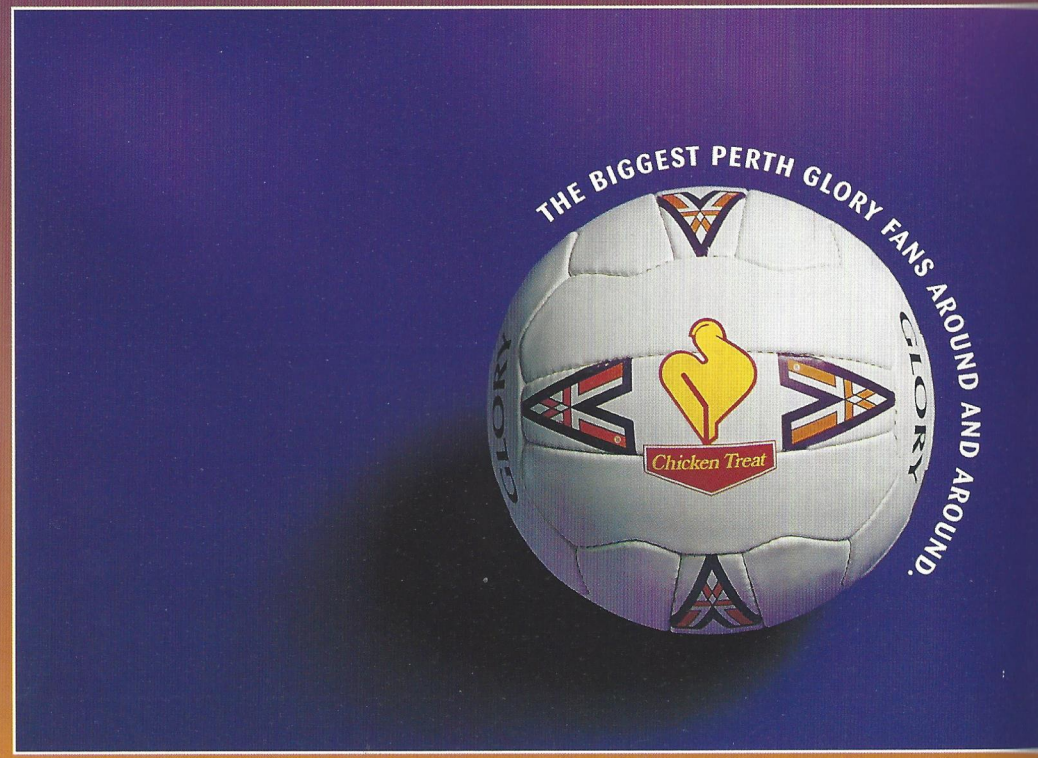

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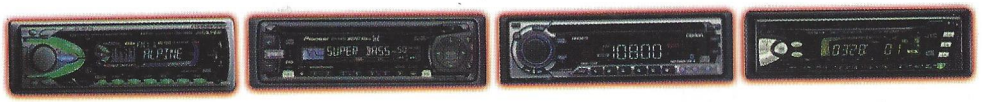

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QUEST FOR GLORY

Last time Kasey Wehrman went off to represent his country, it led to an unsettling time for player and club alike, but don't expect a repeat as Kasey sets out to reproduce the scintillating form he was showing before the Socceroos' Colombian odyssey.

The talented midfielder agrees he was distracted by the prospect of playing in Europe and had to make a real effort to refocus his attentions.

"I just wasn't doing myself justice I thought, sitting around, not playing well and feeling sorry for myself about not being overseas," Wehrman said.

"In the end I thought I'm fit and healthy and I can still run so there's something to look forward to. I am just focussed on playing now so I thought why not play well."

There was no one game when the 23-year-old felt he was back to his best, it had to be a steady process.

"I knew it would take a little bit of time," he said. "When I came back for the game against Melbourne Knights I just slugged through it and then after that I got better and better as the weeks went on.

"I wanted to focus on playing well, not come back half-heartedly."

The approach certainly worked and Wehrman agrees it was his best spell for the Glory.

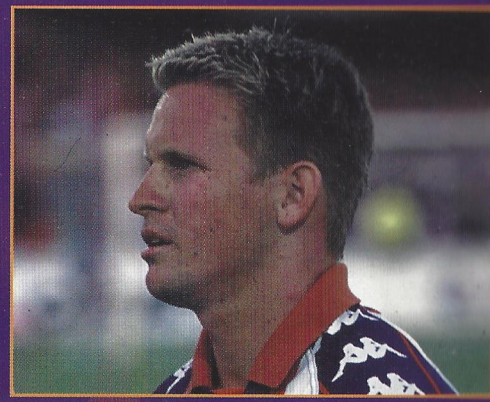
"Definitely. I think I was playing better than ever for the Glory. That comes with more time at the club as well. I feel a lot more passionate about the club now, that we lost that final last year and I'm a lot closer to the boys as well. That all adds up."

Now Wehrman is hoping to rekindle the sort of service he was helping to serve up to Damian Mori.

"Damian and Bobby (Despotovski) were both playing really well. Those two running forward and getting players behind who can feed them the ball, then they are going to get a lot chances. They have pace and strength, if you get them the ball, nine times out of ten they'll knock it in the back of the net," he said.

And he doesn't yet accept a top two spot is out of reach.

"Those top teams have still got to play each other. We have to start making sure we win away from home. It is not good enough getting draws, especially against teams that are not looking like being in the top six. We need to beat those teams convincingly and not look for draws because we are not going to win the title by doing that.



"If those top teams draw against each other or we get the right team to win, we can still pop up and grab second spot."

He also acknowledges that as one of perhaps two or three players in the NSL capable of bossing games, he must do so for the team to succeed.

"I felt just before I went away that I was getting more involved. I want to play more in the centre of midfield and take more control," he said.

"I feel that is my role here after Troy (Halpin) left and hopefully I can keep control of the game more.

"This is where you'll find out the men from the boys. It will be good around finals time and we'll sort out who's going to be there.

"We have drawn away and at home with Wollongong and we beat South Melbourne here and drew there.

"The boys are much better for next year and I can't see why we can't beat any team at home or away."

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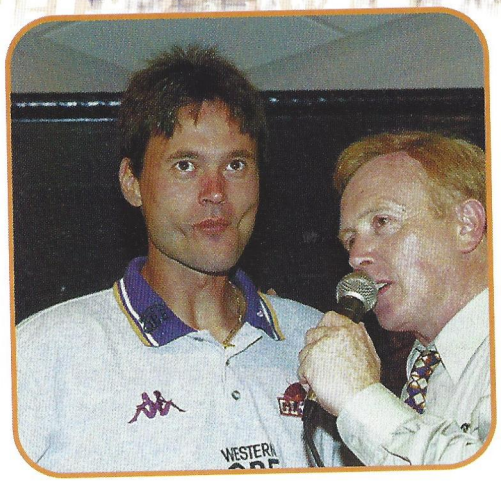
LOOKING FOR DIVINE INSPIRATION



Vinko Buljubasic has had to look for inspiration...including the Divine sort...to keep going during a two-year horror injury spell. But the popular sweeper, who has played only a handful of games in the last 28 months, is keeping his fingers crossed that he has turned the corner after making a comeback in last week's dramatic 3-3 draw with Football Kingz in Christchurch.

He came into the game at half-time and showed some stylish...and confident...touches when he replaced skipper Gareth Naven in the sweeping role as the Glory switched tactics and clawed its way back into the contest.

"I thought I did all right. I wasn't nervous and the coaches told me later that they had been happy with my effort," said Buljubasic, whose confidence has experienced more queasy ups and downs than a roller coaster ride at Disneyland in the last two years.

He plummeted to the depths of despair after suffering a shocking double break to his right leg when tackled by Hamilton Thorp (ironically, later a teammate with the Glory) in the game against Adelaide Sharks at Perth Oval on November 29, 1998.

Coach Bernd Stange said at the time...privately, and not to Vinko...that it would probably take the defender about a year to overcome such a bad injury, which required screws and a long pin inserted into the leg to support breaks to the tibia and fibula bones.

Almost 13 months to the day, Buljubasic made his comeback with the 30 centimetre long pin still holding the lower part of his limb together. He replaced Con Boutsianis to play the last eight minutes as a substitute in the home game against Marconi Stallions. His appearance sparked off the biggest cheer of the day.

He made two other brief appearances before getting a 90-minute run in a friendly game against local side Floreat in January of last year. He ended up with blistered feet...but worse was to follow.

Buljubasic might have been forgiven for thinking he was cursed when he ran foul of injury again...this time without even kicking a ball. He pulled a groin muscle when warming-up at half-time in readiness to go on as a substitute in the game against Football Kingz in Auckland on Australia Day last year.

Having been told he'd been sidelined for at least another month with the injury, he took the opportunity to go into hospital and have the pin removed. His aim was to quickly get back to full fitness in the hope of being included in the Glory's run towards the finals.

He was unsuccessful, but did make a strong start in pre-season games before the start of the 2000/2001 campaign, getting 90 minutes under his belt in the friendly against Adelaide State league side Blue Eagles.

But the injury hoodoo struck again and a hamstring pull put an end to his thoughts of starting the season in the Glory line-up. He had only just got over that setback when a sharp pain experienced at training was diagnosed as a groin injury.

Such was his frame of mind...just a week before Christmas...that he felt his career might well be over. But he sought reassurance elsewhere. "I'm off to church to say a few prayers," he said at the time.

Whether he saw the light or not, Buljubasic has certainly worked as hard as at anytime in his career...which includes two NSL titles with Melbourne Knights...in the past few months to get his life back on track.

"We discovered that my abdominal muscles were weakened after the broken leg and this was having an effect on my legs, which caused me to have so many pulls and strains," he said.

"So, I've been doing extra work outside Glory training to strengthen those muscles. So far it's paid off. I still do them, and probably will continue to do them."

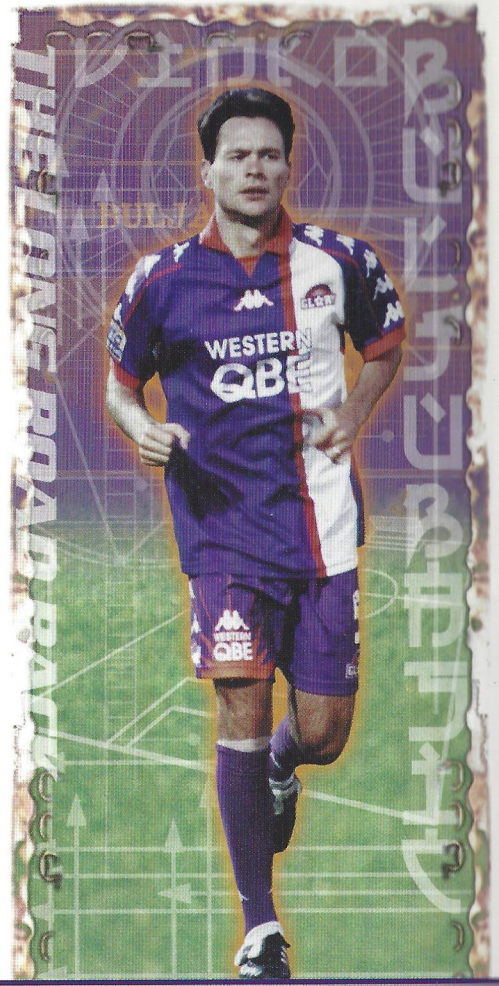
But the big difference in Buljubasic these days is that he has discovered the power of positive thinking.

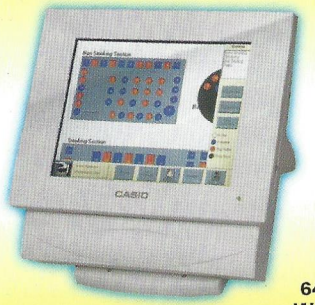
"You must be positive," he said. "I went through a lot of bad times with depression, but you can't dwell on the past. I've learned that. A lot of players have been through what I've been through and have survived and gone on to do well. That's been an inspiration to me.

"I was watching the Real Madrid - Leeds United Champions League game on TV this week and they were talking about David Batty having made a great comeback after having problems for two years. I take heart from that. It shows you what can be achieved.

"But I'm not thinking too far ahead. I'll take each game as it comes."

By Mel Moffat
of *The West Australian*





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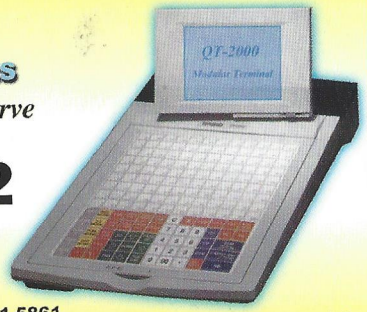

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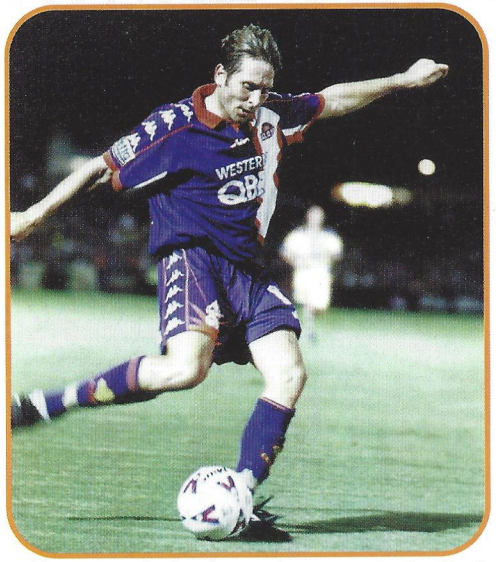

Bobby Despotovski played a superb game, scoring the Glory's first goal from the penalty spot and setting up their second.

PERTH GLORY 2
Despotovski 19 (pen)
Carbone 43

EASTERN PRIDE 1
Hutchinson 47

Half-Time score 2-0

Red Cards-
Perth Glory - Alistair Edwards (2 yellows)

Yellow Cards-
Eastern Pride - Dean Fak, Dong-Ki Kim

Attendance- 11,732

Perth Glory equalled their best-ever undefeated run in the NSL with a hard-fought 2-1 win over cellar-dwellers Eastern Pride, despite playing most of the match a man short after Alistair Edwards was sent off after just 16 minutes. First-half goals to Bobby Despotovski and John Carbone were enough to ensure the Perth side remain unbeaten since the Round 11 match against Marconi, as they continue to push for an all-important top-two spot. Referee Eddie Lennie stunned the home fans when he dismissed Edwards for a second yellow card offence but within three minutes, the Glory were in front. Dean Fak pushed Despotovski over in the box and the Glory striker stepped up himself to easily send Eugen Galekovic the wrong way. Gareth Naven tested the young keeper again soon after, but at the other end, Naum Sekulovski and John Hutchinson wasted promising opportunities for the visitors, both blasting over from good positions. A quick break almost saw PJ Roberts score his first Glory goal, only a brilliant fingertip save by Galekovic kept the ball from nestling in the top corner. From the resulting corner, the Pride keeper smothered Gary Faria's point-blank effort then superbly blocked Damian Mori's follow-up. However, there was nothing he could do on the stroke of half-time when another classic counter-attack saw Despotovski burst down the left and deliver a pin-point cross that Carbone tucked into the bottom corner without having to break stride. Hutchinson pulled one back for the Pride straight after the interval, just beating the offside trap and firing low into the far corner from 12 yards. The visitors continued to push forward and Sekulovski, Clayton Bell and Robbie Puca all had chances to equalise. Jamie Harnwell could have wrapped it up for the Glory but he drove the ball just wide from 20 yards when he might have taken an extra touch after an inspirational run from Naven. Despotovski almost got his second but was denied by another fantastic save by Galekovic, and despite a late flurry by the visitors, Bernd Stange's side managed to hold on for the three points.

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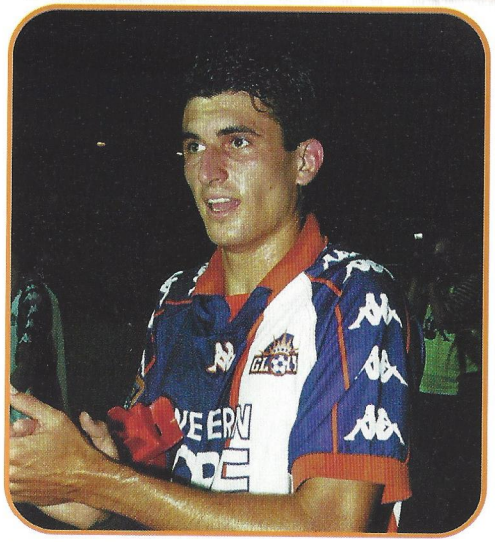

Perth Glory's Round 20 match was a night for the debutantes as new signing Nick Mrdja (left) saw his first bit of action for the club and midfielder PJ Roberts (right) found himself in the Glory's starting line-up for the first time, since joining the club at the beginning of the season.

BEST FOR PERTH GLORY:
Gareth Naven, Bobby Despotovski, Gary Faria, Jamie Harnwell

BERND STANGE'S REACTION:
"It was a tough game for us today and I think my players did well. The most important thing is that we won and got three points and we are still near the leaders."

Craig Deans for Carbone (71 mins), Nick Mrdja for Despotovski (85 mins)

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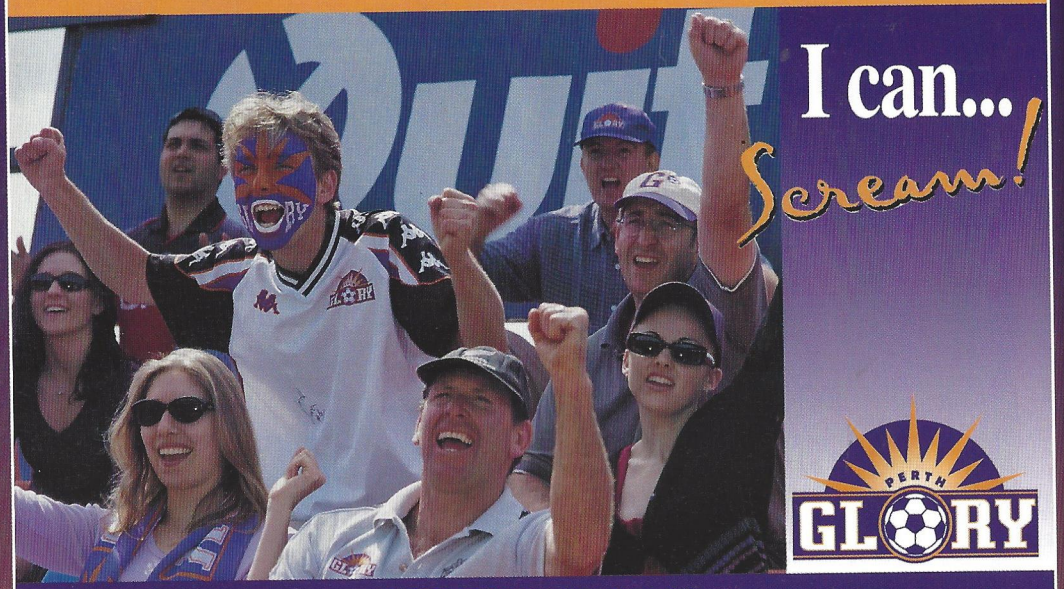

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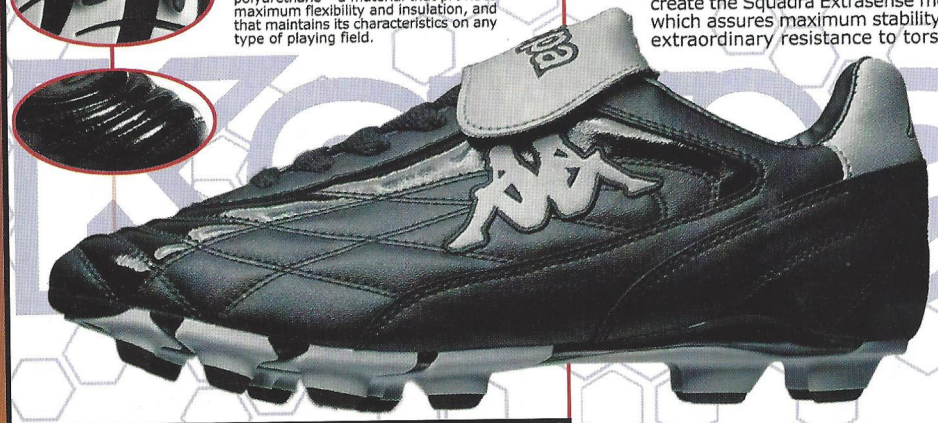

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AGAINST FOOTBALL KINGZ

Jamie Harnwell counts the number of times he's saved Perth Glory this season.

Football Kingz 3	Perth Glory 3
Gareth Naven (og) 17	Bobby Despotovski 32
Wynton Rufer 38	Simon Eaddy (og) 72
Jeff Campbell 76	Jamie Harnwell 90

Half-Time Score: 2-1 **Attendance:** *4,554*

Yellow Cards:
Football Kingz - Gerard Davis
Perth Glory - None

Perth Glory snatched a dramatic last-minute equaliser to grab a share of the points against Football Kingz and keep alive their hopes of a top-two finish. Jamie Harnwell's fifth goal of the season stretched the Glory's unbeaten run to 10 games - a new club record - but the New Zealand side should have wrapped up the match seconds earlier with Paul Urlovic and Harry Ngata both missing simple chances. The Kingz controlled early proceedings and were rewarded for their dominance with the opening goal after 17 minutes. Gareth Naven and Paul Urlovic both lunged at Michael Cartwright's teasing cross and the Glory skipper got the final touch as the ball looped over Jason Petkovic. The visitors came back strongly and Bobby Despotovski levelled when he glanced a near-post header past Simon Eaddy, but Wynton Rufer made it 2-1 when he got on the end of Urlovic's cross and finished clinically. Urlovic and Rufer both had chances to increase the Kingz lead but couldn't beat Petkovic. Then Damian Mori chipped Eaddy but saw the ball rebound off the upright. However, the Kingz good fortune was short-lived as the Glory scrambled the equaliser from the resultant corner, with Eaddy being credited with an own goal. Jeff Campbell made it 3-2 with 14 minutes remaining when he blasted a 25-yard free-kick that crashed against the crossbar and bounced off Petkovic's back into the net. The home fans were then left stunned as Harnwell outjumped his opponent to head John Carbone's cross past a helpless Eaddy in injury-time, just seconds after Urlovic and Ngata had both put in contenders for miss of the season.

Best For Perth Glory: Jamie Harnwell, Bobby Despotovski, Edgar Junior, Gary Faria

Bernd Stange's Reaction:
"We lost 4-1 last season with all our big guns, like Troy Halpin and Con Boutsianis, and this year we drew 3-3 so it's acceptable."

Subs:Vinko Buljubasic for Roberts (half-time), Nick Mrdja for Despotovski (55 minutes)

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AN OWN GOAL EXTRAVAGANZA

There were five own goals scored in the NSL last weekend, the highest number ever scored in one round of the competition. The previous record number in a single round was four, which occurred once, in Round 15 of season 1996/97. The first own goal scored last weekend, by Glory skipper Gareth Naven, was in fact, the 300th own goal recorded in the NSL competition since its inception in 1977. Up until last weekend, two own goals had been scored in a match just nine times (in 5236 matches), yet in the weekend's round of (six) matches, there were two games with two own goals.

PAUSE IN OLYMPIC AND LEEDS TALKS

Takeover discussions between Sydney Olympic and English supremos Leeds United appear to have slowed to a grinding halt with Olympic president Nick Politis saying talks with Leeds were continuing "but only on and off" and there were other European clubs, including Dutch teams, he was speaking to about buying into the Australian club. Leeds is insisting on a controlling share in the Sydney club but the owners are reluctant to sell more than 49 per cent. Third placed Olympic also realise that if it wins the championship this year it will be in line to pick up around $4 million if it represents Oceania in the Club World Championship. The asking price for Olympic would then understandably be more and the club might just think about continuing independently.

PRIDE LOOKING FOR OUTSIDE HELP

National league doormat Eastern Pride is still negotiating with another Premier League side, Newcastle United The club is struggling at the foot of the league and there are serious concerns about its future next season. However the directors sold off the Pride's social club to ease debts and pay players and it is now looking at playing the majority of its games in Melbourne. Soccer Australia sought a guarantee from the club's directors that they would continue to finance the club until at least 2003. The Pride, who have no hope of making the play-offs, aim to lift their profile in Melbourne and want to play Serie A side Reggina when it tours Australia in June. Reggina will also play games against Marconi and in either Perth or Adelaide.

CLOSE CALL FOR POSTECOGLOU

To say last Sunday's victory against New Zealand in the Oceania Youth Cup qualifiers was close is certainly putting it mildly. Ange Postecoglou, coach of the Young Socceroos, might well have been reaching for the razor blades after 17 minutes when New Zealand captain Chris Killen put his team ahead 1-0 in the second leg and 3-1 on aggregate in the battle to qualify for the finals of the World Youth Cup. It is now a matter of record that the Australians managed to turn their soccer superiority into goals in the nick of time and sealed a 3-1 victory on the night with a golden goal. The former South Melbourne boss said that while he had to be concerned when his team gave a goal away, he remained confident the players were of sufficient quality to overcome the deficit. He argued that international football of this nature - where players are often only 90 minutes from elimination or failure to qualify - concentrates the mind and tells plenty about the team's character. Postecoglou will now take a 22-man squad to the East Asian Games in May, which he will use as a warm-up for the World Youth Cup tournament proper, which will be played in Argentina in June.

WOLVES FACE TOUGH TASK IN SPAIN

While Wollongong Wolves players will pocket up to $50,000 each just for turning up to the Club World Championship in Spain later this year, last season's NSL champions have drawn two of the world's best teams in what is already being described as a "pool of death." The Wolves are drawn to play Diego Maradona's former team Boca Juniors (Argentina) and homeside Deportivo La Coruna as well as Egyptian team Zamalek FC (Egypt) in Group A of the 12-team competition which kicks off in Spain on July 28. **Group A:** Boca Juniors (Brazil), Deportivo Coruna (Spain), Wollongong Wolves (Australia), Zamalek (Egypt) **Group B:** Palmeiras (Brazil), CD Olimpia (Honduras), Galatasaray (Turkey), Al-Hilal (Saudi Arabia) **Group C:** Real Madrid (Spain), Jubilo Iwata (Japan), Accra Hearts of Oak (Ghana), Los Angeles Galaxy (US) Group winners and best second-placed team qualify for the semi-finals **SEMI-FINALS:** August 9: Winner Group A v Winner Group B; Winner Group C v Best second-placed team **THIRD PLACE PLAY-OFF:** August 11; **FINAL:** August 12

MARCONI ANNOUNCE PATH TO STARDOM

Club Marconi and Southern Districts Soccer Football Association Incorporated (SDSFAI) recently announced an agreement between the two leading soccer bodies that will see them combine their efforts in providing a pathway for the 7,000 players in the Liverpool/Fairfield areas. The new agreement will be for six years (2001-2006) and will extend to 18 continuous seasons. It will see Club Marconi provide home ground season passes for every junior player in Southern Districts, together with adult season passes for use by all club committees. Southern Districts, for their part will encourage their young players to trial, as a first option, with Marconi Stallions Youth teams and will grant Club Marconi first option for all meetings, functions and grand finals for the tenure of this agreement. SDSFAI will also participate in all Marconi Stallions promotions, including coaching clinics and regular visits to club training sessions by Marconi Stallion players.

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FAN APPEAL DELAYED

British soccer fan Mark Forrester's appeal against his conviction for assaulting police during the Euro 2000 soccer tournament was postponed until March 28 by a Belgian court. Forrester, one of some 750 British soccer fans arrested in Brussels and Charleroi during the tournament, had been sentenced to a year's imprisonment, with six months suspended, in June 2000. Appeals court Judge Geo Raspe ordered that the hearing should be postponed after defence lawyer Jan Fermon said he wanted to show video footage taken by police of riots in central Brussels last year. Fermon said the footage would show Forrester walking away from the direction of the riots near Brussels' historic Grand Place. Raspe said he wanted the police officer who arrested Forrester to be present during the showing of the video footage. Forrester, who was in court last Wednesday, was the only person to be convicted under a "fast track" system set up to process cases quickly during the soccer tournament.

TERRACES RETURN UNLIKELY: SMITH

England will not restore terraces at soccer stadiums after studying a report into standing accommodation in Germany, Culture, Media and Sport Secretary of State, Chris Smith said. Standing terraces were removed in Britain by most Premier League soccer clubs after a report into the 1989 Hillsborough disaster in which 96 people were crushed to death in the overcrowded Sheffield ground. A report from the Football Licensing Authority on the standing arrangements at Hamburg's Volksparkstadion in Germany concluded they would not be appropriate in Britain. "The government does not think that German stadia are unsafe," Smith said. "However, for good historical reasons, United Kingdom grounds have the highest standard of spectator safety in the world. Having considered the Authority's advice, the government has concluded that safety must remain the primary consideration and remains convinced that current arrangements are the best."

2002 KOREAN COINS MINTED

Gold and silver coins commemorating soccer's 2002 World Cup finals have been minted in South Korea, which is gearing up with Japan to co-host the biggest event in world football. Most of the coins feature a footballer in action against a background of Korea's World Cup stadiums. Half will be offered through a draw on April 15 and, if demand tops the limited supply, the second half will be sold next year. Fans outside Korea can purchase them through select coin shops. Prices for coins range from 15,000 won (AU$23) to 1.3 million won ($1,986) for a set. Denominations are 1,000, 10,000, 20,000 and 30,000 won. They are sure to become instant collector items as only 63,008 gold coins will be produced compared to 175,000 gold coins made for the 1998 finals held in France. There will be fewer than 300,000 silver coins minted, versus 740,000 in France and a whopping five million at the 1994 finals in the United States. The 2002 finals mark the event's debut in Asia and the first time two countries will co-host the event. Japan has not yet announced its plans for commemorative coins.

AS ROMA SNARE CASSANO

Antonio Cassano, the most promising teenager in Italian soccer has been signed by AS Roma. The Serie A leaders signed the Bari youngster, for 60 billion lire (AU$55.4 million). The club said Cassano (18) would join on a five-year contract from the start of next season and would earn 36 billion lire ($33.2 million) during his stay. The fee was one of the highest in Italy for a teenager, as was the salary. As a consequence, the transfer rocketed Cassano into the top 10 most expensive players in the world. Meanwhile, an official from AS Roma and two from Inter Milan were named in the latest twist to the false passports scandal. The Inter officials were chief executive officer Rinaldo Ghelfi and technical director Gabriele Oriali, who played in Italy's 1982 World Cup-winning side. The Roma official was sporting director Francesco Baldini. All three were named by the Italian Football Federation (FIGC) in connection with the case of Inter's Uruguayan forward Alvaro Recoba, who was found last month to be in possession of a false Italian passport.

GREEK PICTURE GRIM

Dwindling attendances, crowd trouble, match-rigging allegations and poor stadium conditions all paint a grim picture of the state of Greek football. But the governing bodies of the world and European game visiting Athens next week say it is not the Greek government's job to fix it. A delegation from world governing body FIFA and its European counterpart UEFA will arrive in Greece to discuss government intervention in the game after a feud broke out between the Greek Football Association and the government department responsible for sport. FIFA and UEFA are worried that the heated row between the Greek FA (EPO) vice president and clubs' union (EPAE) president Victor Mitropoulos and the Sports Minister George Floridis is damaging the sport. The row, which has escalated to a major political issue in Greece, revolves around disputes over doping control, revenues from the pools, appointments of referees and cross-ownership.

GARCIA NEW CHILE MANAGER

Former Colo Colo coach Pedro Garcia was named as the Chilean national team's new boss last Tuesday. He replaces Nelson Acosta who resigned recently following a disappointing run of results in Chile's bid to reach the 2002 World Cup finals. Chile are currently seventh in South America's 10-team qualifying group after three wins, one draw and six defeats. Under Acosta, Chile qualified for the 1998 World Cup in France and took the bronze medal in the 2000 Olympic tournament in Sydney.

HUNGARY REVAMP TO COST $56 MILLION

Hungary's Football Association is raising almost AU$60 million to help reorganise soccer so the professional game can finance itself. The reorganisation could bring extra revenues of 17.7 billion forints ($120.7 million) for the clubs, government spokesman Gabor Borokai said. He told a news conference the government will guarantee an 8.3 billion forints ($56million) bond issue to help finance the reorganisation. The bonds will be issued by a company operated by the Hungarian Football Federation.

BECKHAM WANTED FOR GAMES LAUNCH

Superstar David Beckham is the star sports chiefs want to kick off next year's Commonwealth Games in style, even though soccer is not included in the games. They are considering asking Beckham to carry the Queen's Baton into Manchester next year and hope his appeal as England soccer captain can turn the spotlight on the city in much the same way that golfer Greg Norman helped to focus the mind of sports fans around the world by carrying the Olympic torch across Sydney Harbour Bridge last year. It would complete a perfect Old Trafford circle since United legend Bobby Charlton was the man who accepted the Manchester challenge in Kuala Lumpur in 1998. Meanwhile, Craig Reedie, chairman of the British Olympic Association, has been appointed to the Manchester 2002 board to beef up the run-in to the opening ceremony while the main stadium is said to be on schedule for completion next March. It will have a capacity of 38,000, which will rise to 48,000 when Manchester City takes possession in 2003.

BANKS TO SELL 1966 WINNERS MEDAL

England legend Gordon Banks revealed his family's financial future was behind his decision to auction off his 1966 World Cup winner's medal. The medal, presented to him by the Queen following the 4-2 Wembley final win over West Germany in 1966, is one of five items being auctioned by the former goalkeeper at Christie's later this month. Also under the hammer on March 23 will be the cap representing all six matches Banks played during the tournament, the shirt of Germany's goalkeeper on that momentous day - Hans Tilkowski - and an autographed football signed by the 1966 England team. The last item is a cap from the 1970 World Cup in Mexico, when Banks made his famous save from Pele's downward header, which is widely regarded as the best stop by a keeper ever. The collection is likely to reap over £100,000 ($286,000), beating the world record price of £91,750 ($262,000) for the red international shirt worn by hat-trick hero Geoff Hurst in the 1966 final.

DAUM BACK AT BESIKTAS

Christoph Daum has been appointed coach of Turkish giants Besiktas to end his football exile. The German coach was fired as Bayer Leverkusen manager last October after failing a drug test, with traces of cocaine found in his hair sample.He was due to become Germany coach at the end of this season, but was immediately told by the German Football Association (DFB) that that job offer had been withdrawn, following his test failure. He has signed a 15-month deal to take over the nine-time league champions, with immediate effect. Daum (47) takes over from Nevio Scala, who is suffering from a brain tumour. It will be his second spell in charge of Besiktas, following his successful reign from January 1994 to May 1996. Returning to Germany in 1996, he masterminded the emergence of Bayer Leverkusen as leading challengers to Bayern Munich, finishing second three times and third once in his four seasons at the Ulrich-Haberland-Stadion. Besiktas are currently in fourth place, on the same points mark as second-placed Galatasaray and third-placed Gaziantepspor.

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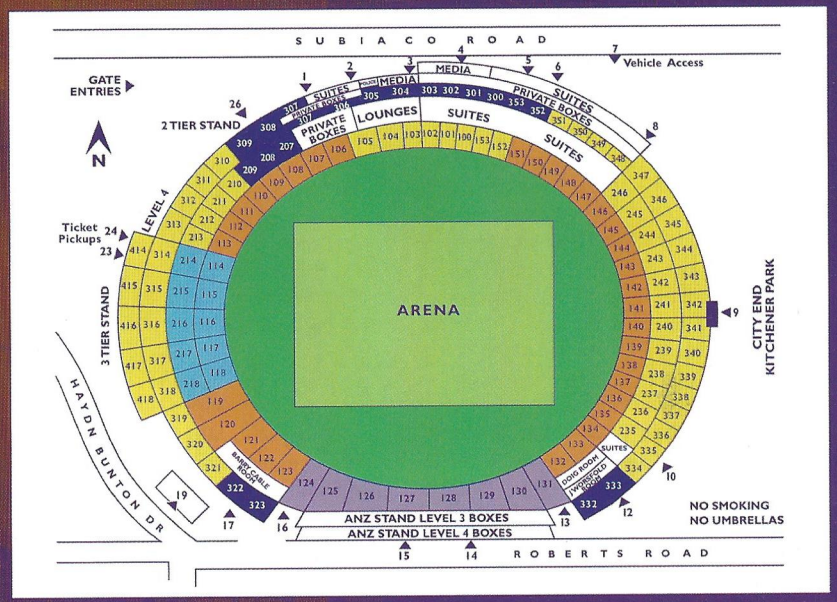
FINALS TICKETS PRIORITY!

2000-2001 NSL Season Perth Glory Home Finals Ticket Allocation

If Perth Glory is successful in reaching the NSL finals series and hosting a home final(s), then tickets will be released in the following order.

1. Golden Members (4 premium seats per member).
2. Season Tickets holders (2 standard seats per card holder).
3. Club Glory, Club Kappa, Peters Glory Squad (2 standard seats per member).
4. Official Supporters Club (2 budget seats per member).

Ticket prices and availability will be announced once the NSL finals fixtures are released.



Premium seating | Standard seating | Budget seating | Family Area | Shed Area (must be over 18 years)

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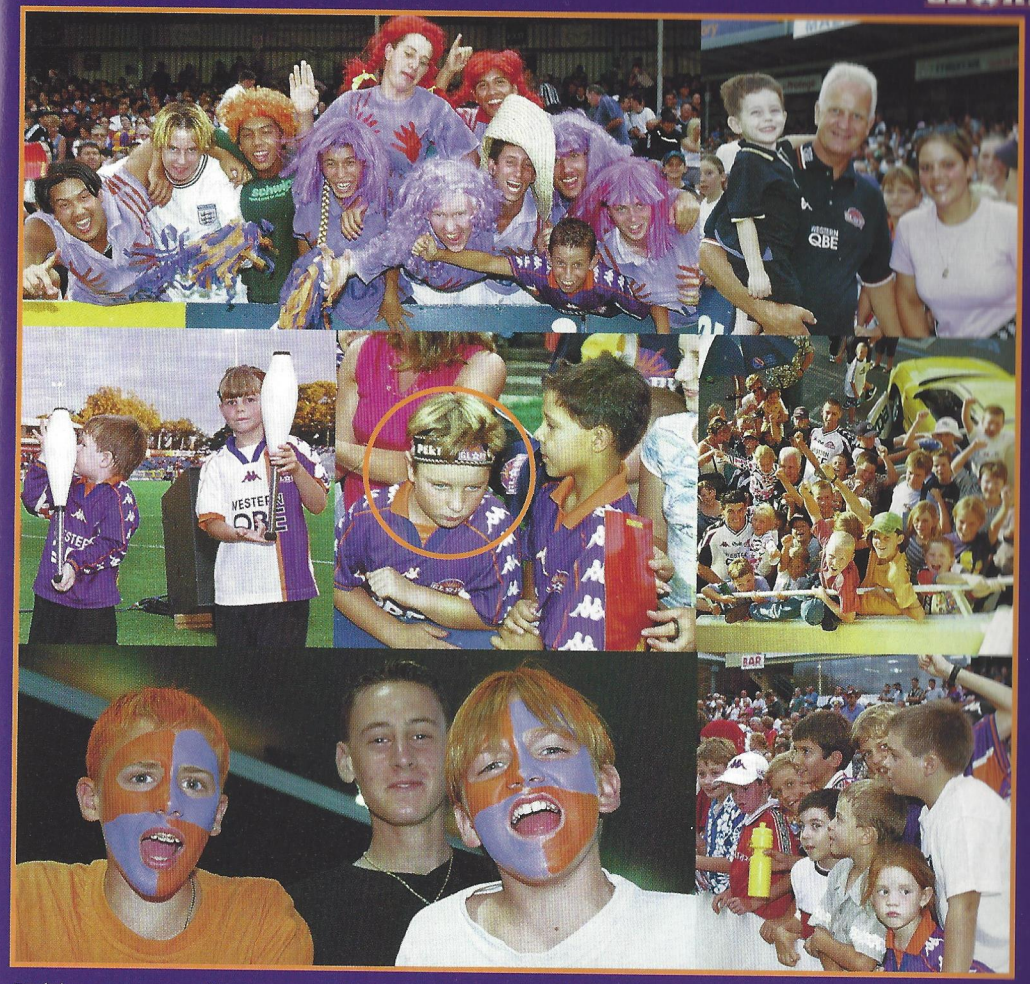

Each home game our photographers will be capturing images of the best fans in the land. So deck yourself out in Glory colours and show some team spirit. If your picture is circled above then you have won a double movie pass courtesy of **Hoyts Cinemas**. To claim your prize contact Sporting Issues on 9287 2222 and leave your name and address.

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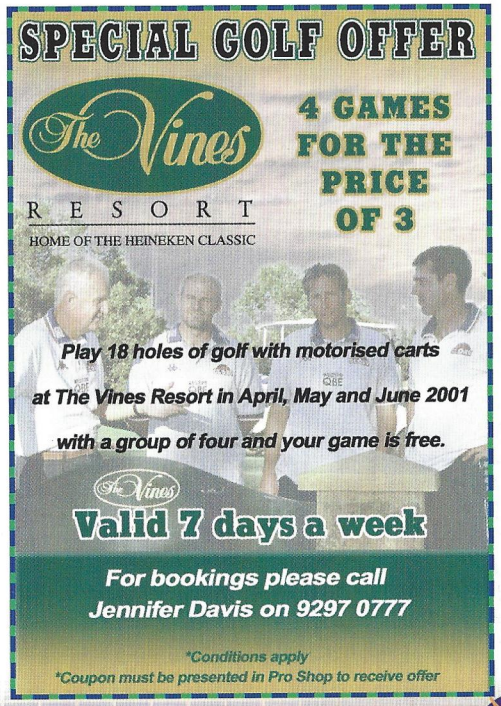
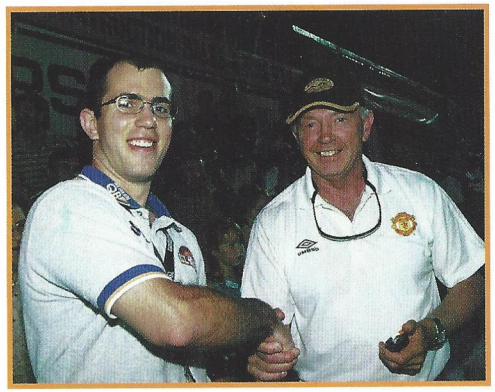
PROUDLY CATERING FOR PERTH GLORY

Justin Everley presents the winners with their video cassette recorders courtesy of Betta Electrical & Gas

Glory Driving On The Vines

Once again, the annual Perth Glory Corporate Golf Day, held at the magnificent Vines Resort on Tuesday February 20 was an overwhelming success. Congratulations to the winning team of Kevin Green from M2 Message Mate, Jason White (Mercure Hotels), Andrew Winter (Cable & Wireless Optus) and Glen Morey (Sealanes) who beat 16 other teams, consisting of corporate sponsors, media personalities and Glory players and officials, to take out the M2 Message Mate Perpetual Trophy. Each member of the triumphant quartet also took home a video recorder, compliments of Betta Electrical & Gas, and a Perth Glory blockmounted poster. As well as the overall winners, there were a number of other prizes at selected holes for the longest drive, the straightest drive and closest to the pin on the par threes and there was also a constant stream of quiz questions on the way round to keep everyone on their toes. Despite the hot conditions, everyone was kept refreshed by a constant supply of cold drinks and a beautiful lunch, followed by a delicious dinner at the end of a very enjoyable day.





Glory Fan Says Yes To Optus

One season ticket holder was the lucky winner of a mobile phone at our last home game against Eastern Pride, thanks to Cable & Wireless Optus. He found the ringing phone under his seat and is shown here being congratulated by Perth Glory volunteer Ben De Longis.

Ready For The Challenge

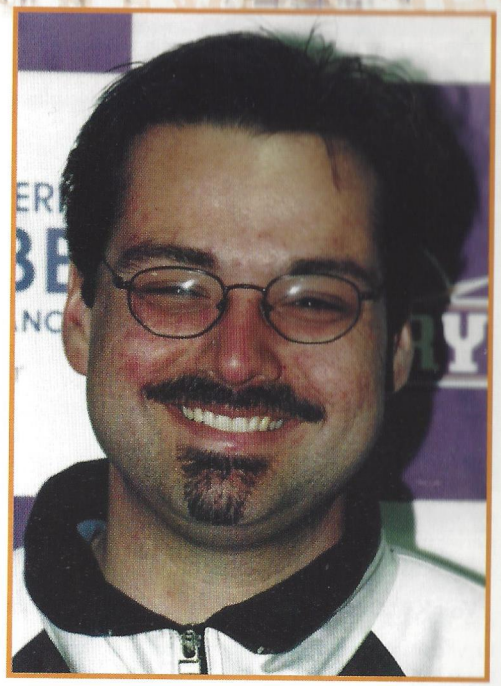
Due to mechanical problems, the two contestants who were supposed to ride the Perth Glory Western QBE airboards at our last home game were unable to compete. Nat Doria and Keith Bromfield will now challenge each other at half-time in today's match.

Blistering Family Fun Day

The fifth annual Perth Glory Family Day was held last Sunday and despite extremely hot weather conditions, over 1,500 fans came along to watch the Glory boys go through a brief training session, before enjoying an afternoon of free family fun and a delicious sausage sizzle, Peters ice-cream and Coke or Harvey Fresh juice. Among the many attractions were the exciting circuitron ride, the plaster house of fun, pony rides and a live performance by the band "D-Raille". Perth Glory would also like to thank all their volunteers who braved the oppressive conditions to help ensure the event ran smoothly and was such a success.

Congratulations On Big Event

Congratulations to Event Staff member, Domenic D'Alessandro, who celebrated his engagement recently. Domenic is now in his third season with the Glory and the club wishes both him and his lovely fiancee all the very best for the future.



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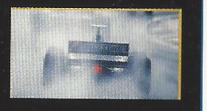

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OUR PAST PLAYERS

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Perth Glory are now in their fifth season and although we've seen many players move on for various reasons during that time, it's always nice to follow the progress of former players. "Where are they now?" provides an update on some of these players who are still playing in the NSL or overseas.

Danny HAY
- Was not in the Leeds United squad that drew 1-1 at home against Manchester United in the Premier League on March 3, but played a full game for the Leeds reserve side that went down to Everton reserves 1-0 at home on February 27.

Ivan ERGIC
- The Swiss first division is currently in recess and Ergic will resume playing for FC Basel when it restarts.

Danny MILOSEVIC
- Like Hay, was not included in the Leeds side that drew with Manchester United but did play the full 90 minutes in the reserve side's loss against Everton reserves.

Troy HALPIN
- Round 20: Did not play as Sydney Olympic had a bye.
  Round 21: Played a full game and scored the winning goal in injury-time in Olympic's 1-0 win at home against Marconi.

Con BOUTSIANIS
- Round 20: Played a full game for Souths in their surprise 4-0 loss away to Melbourne Knights.
  Round 21: Did not play as South Melbourne's match against Brisbane Strikers was postponed.

Vas KALOGERACOS
- Round 20: Had not recovered from the hamstring injury he suffered against the Glory in Round 17 and missed his team's loss to the Knights.
  Round 21: Did not play as Souths' clash with the Strikers was postponed.

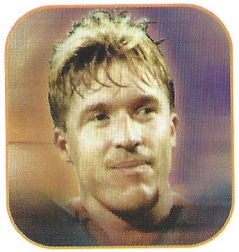
James AFKOS
- Round 20: Played a full game for the Stallions in their 5-2 win at home against Sydney United.
  Round 21: Was replaced after 61 minutes for Marconi Stallions in their 1-0 loss away to Sydney Olympic.

Hamilton THORP
- Is still recovering from an injury and is expected to be fit again for selection for Parramatta Power in two or three weeks.

Vasko TRPCEVSKI
- Was not in the Newcastle United line-up that lost 4-2 at home to Northern Spirit in Round 20, nor in the team that went down 3-2 away to Canberra Cosmos the following week.

Gianfranco CIRCATI
- Is currently playing for Cagliari in the Italian Serie B.

Tony CARBONE
- Left Perth recently for another season in Singapore with Marine Castle United, after making 22 appearances for the club last year, and plays alongside former Glory pal Gavin Wilkinson.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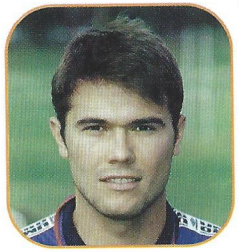
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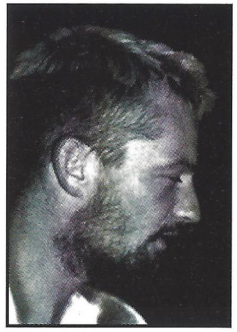
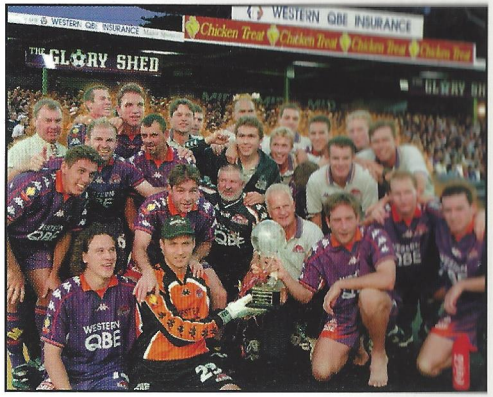

Guest writer Evet Somers.

Having been to most of Perth Glory's home matches since they entered the league, I have seen some very good games and some great goals but my most memorable moment so far was our last home match against Northern Spirit last season. It wasn't a particularly good match and there was only one goal and it wasn't an especially brilliant goal but it gave us a 1-0 win and was enough to ensure we finished top of the league and won our first trophy.

In the end, it didn't matter if we won or not because the only team that could overtake us was Wollongong and they had to win to have any chance but they didn't. However, because it was the last game of the season before the finals, all the matches had to kick off at the same time so we didn't know any of the other scores and just had to go out to win.

The expectations and atmosphere leading up to the game was huge and the crowd was at least a couple of thousand bigger than the last few games at Perth Oval had been. Despite the quality of players on show from both sides, no one was expecting a pretty game and we certainly didn't get one but no one cared - all we wanted was the three points. And after Northern Spirit had apparently told Wollongong they'd do their absolute best to knock us over and ensure the trophy went to Sydney, despite having nothing to play for themselves, we were even more determined to cheer our heroes on to glory.

The tension on and off the pitch at the kick-off was unbelievable and it showed with the Glory boys at the start. There were a couple of half-chances but the boys snatched at them and lacked their usual composure. It was definitely going to be a long and stressful 90 minutes! As time went on, we wondered whether 0-0 would be enough



and we became more and more excited when we heard "reports" that Wollongong were drawing still - but then you can never really trust or rely on word-of-mouth for other scores.

Then it happened - the moment we'd been praying for - Jamie Harnwell rose majestically at the far post to head into the net and we just went mad. As long as we didn't concede a goal, the title was ours. We all started to sing "We're gonna win the league, we're gonna win the league" and "We are the champions, we are the champions". For the first time that day, I really felt confident and, despite a couple of close calls, we managed to see out the remaining time, although the final five minutes and injury-time seemed to go on forever. But when the final whistle did go, what a cheer! All sections of the crowd were on their feet cheering and waving Perth Glory scarves and flags as Gareth Naven capped off a fantastic and memorable afternoon by lifting the trophy and showing it to all the fans.

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All entries published will be in the running to win this fabulous trip for two at the end of the season. Send in a review of your most memorable Perth Glory game, along with your photo, to:
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Preaching From The Converted

Dear Glory,
I became a Glory fan when on holidays in Perth in November, 2000. I saw the game against the Kingz and was very impressed with the whole set up at Perth. I thought the standard of football was very good and would say that the Glory boys would give a few of our first division sides a good run for their money. I watch them on Sky when I can get the results but look forward to the match news on the web site. I would like to wish the lads all the very best for the rest of the season. Just for the record, I am a West Bromwich Albion supporter here in the UK.

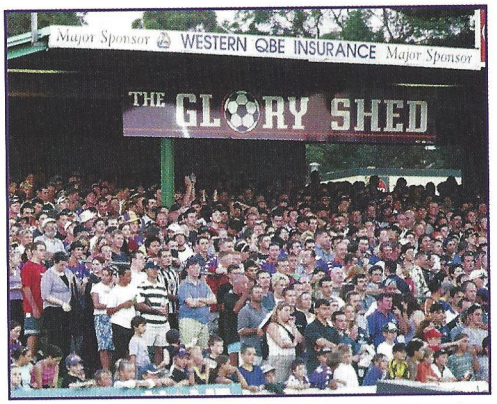
Tony Jeffreys,
England.

Singing Loud And Proud

Dear Glory,
Here are some Glory chants for The Hill. This is one:
"Who bends free-kicks round your wall,
round your wall, round your wall,
Who bends free-kicks round your wall?
...PERTH GLORY"

Or you can use other endless verses -
"Who scores goals from the halfway line?", etc...

And one more song:
"Score great goals for all to see.
Who cares about the others, it's jealousy.
It's Perth Glory through and through,
OH BOBBY! (or any other Glory player) WE LOVE YOU



From a proud Glory fan,
Julian Gomez, Carine

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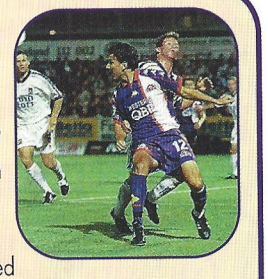
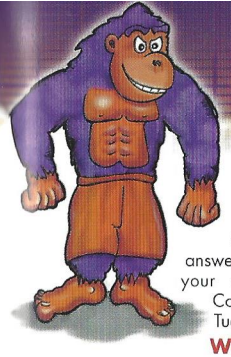


1. What was the Glory's biggest win in their first season in the NSL?
2. Who has made the most NSL appearances for Perth Glory?
3. How many goals have the Glory conceded from penalties so far this season?
4. What was the aggregate score in the two-legged play-off for a place in the Youth World Cup Finals between the Young Socceroos (Under-20s) and New Zealand?
5. Who scored the Socceroos goals in their 3-2 loss to Colombia last week?
6. How many goals has Peter Buljan scored for Brisbane Strikers since he moved there on loan?
7. Who did Gabriel Mendez play one season for last year before re-joining Northern Spirit this campaign?
8. How many Spanish clubs have made it through to the quarter-finals of this season's UEFA Cup?
9. Which first division side did Liverpool recently beat to win the Worthington (League) Cup?
10. Which Scottish club does former WA-based Chris Coyne play for?

Answers on page 46



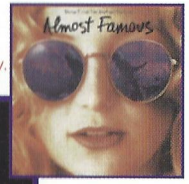
PARTY WITH PJ

HOYTS offers you a free double pass to the movies. To be in the running, answer the following simple question and send your answer on the back of an envelope, along with your name and contact details, to HOYTS Competition, PO Box 44, Floreat, 6014 before Tuesday April 10.

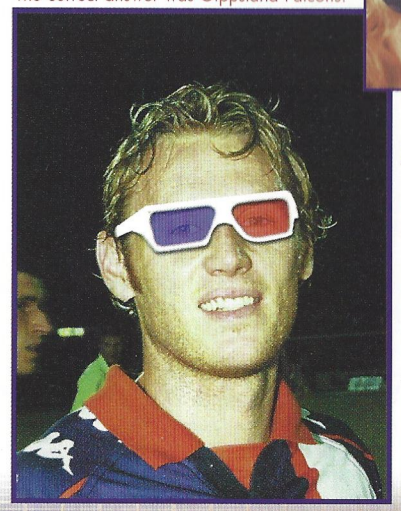
Which Northern Spirit player shares the top leading goalscorer spot with Perth Glory's Bobby Despotovski and Damian Mori?

PJ, what did you think of the film "Almost Famous"?

On Monday, February 12, the Perth Glory management organised a movie night to be held in recognition of members, season ticket holders and sponsors who have been with Perth Glory since our entry into the NSL in 1996. The movie viewed by the players and supporters was titled "Almost Famous" which starred Goldie Hawn's daughter, Kate Hudson. Set in the 1970s, the movie was based around the adventures of a 15-year-old journalist travelling with a popular rock band. Kate played rock band groupie, Penny Lane, a "band aid" as they were commonly referred to. The movie was an intriguing portrayal of the fame and fortune surrounding a rock star's lifestyle. Quite similar to that of Ljubo's new found fame after leading the Young Socceroos to qualification for the World Youth Championships in Argentina in June this year! Welcome back Ljubes. At a cocktail party prior to the movie, players and patrons chatted and mingled over a salad sandwich and a soda water - well the players did anyway! It was a great opportunity for these dedicated Perth Glory fans to get up close and personal with some of their favourite players. It was also a great opportunity for the players to show their appreciation to the fans and thank them for the dedicated support they have provided over the past five years. Without these supporters and many more quite like them out there, Perth Glory would not be the club it is today - the biggest and best soccer club in Australia. The players at Perth Glory are truly very thankful for every fans support - we certainly do have the best fans in the land!
Keep Smiling,



Our last winner was Trinity Centa of Padbury. The correct answer was Gippsland Falcons.

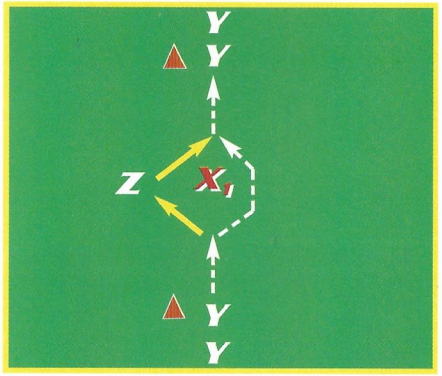


MASCOTS

Our lucky mascots at our last home game against Eastern Pride were Ricki Marles (Chicken Treat) and Maxwell Williams (Peters Glory Squad) pictured here with captain Gareth Naven.

SMARTER THAN SMOKING SOCCER SKILLS WITH MICH d' AVRAY

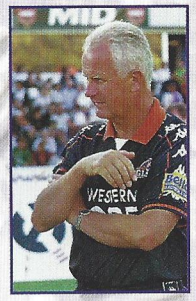
An exercise in passing. Two groups of players on the cones, one passive defender **X** in the middle, one player **Z** acts as a wall player. Player **Y** runs with the ball towards player **X** and plays a wall pass with player **Z** and then passes the ball to the opposite end where the drill is repeated in the opposite direction.



Sony Man Of The Match

The last home game against Eastern Pride was definitely not the walkover a lot of people expected - it turned out to be a real battle. As the saying goes...when the going gets tough, the tough get going, and in skipper Gareth Naven, the Glory have certainly got one of the best in the business when it comes to leading by example. Naven was absolutely superb and his inspirational 70 metre run down the right touchline, when he evaded several tackles to set up Jamie Harnwell, was the coup de grace in a Sony Man of the Match performance.

Ten Out Of Ten For Glory

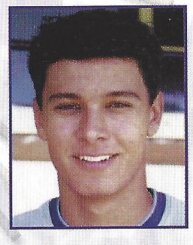


Perth Glory wrote another little chapter in their ever-increasing club history book when they drew 3-3 with Football Kingz in Christchurch last week. The draw means Bernd Stange's side remain unbeaten since losing 1-0 at home to Marconi Stallions back in Round 11, a sequence of 10 matches that includes five wins and five draws. During that time, the Glory have scored 29 goals and conceded 15 and have also played its three main title contenders, South Melbourne, Wollongong Wolves and Sydney Olympic. The club's previous longest unbeaten run was achieved over two seasons with a win against Canberra Cosmos at the end of the 1997/98 season and a run of seven wins and a draw at the beginning of the following campaign. However, Bernd Stange's team still has a long way to go to match the NSL's all-time unbeaten spell of 22 games, achieved by the now-extinct Leichhardt from September 1986 to September 1987.

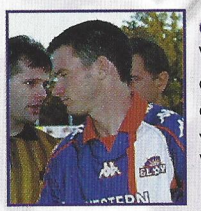
Glory On Target For Record Goals

Perth Glory's summer of goals continued at Jade Stadium in New Zealand last week as they reached the half-century mark for the season when Jamie Harnwell outjumped the Kingz defence to head the last-minute equaliser. Despite having six fewer matches this time around, the Glory are well on track to better last season's tally of 60 (excluding finals). So far this campaign, 13 players have found the back of the net for the Glory, with the league's deadliest strikeforce, Damian Mori and Bobby Despotovski, scoring 27 (or 54 per cent) of the team's goals between them.

Birthday Boys



Congratulations to Gareth Naven who celebrated his 32nd birthday on the long flight back from New Zealand, and while he didn't return with the perfect present, the point earned against the Kingz could certainly prove valuable at the end of the season. And in a busy few weeks for the Glory boys as far as birthdays go, Anthony Danze turns 17 this Thursday (March 15), Edgar Junior will be 27 on March 30 and fellow midfielder gary Faria will celebrate his 22nd birthday 10 days later on April 9.



Glory In The Socceroos Camp

Well done to Scott Miller and Kasey Wehrman who both took part in the Socceroos match against Colombia last week. Despite eventually going down 3-2 after being three goals down at one stage, the occasion would have been a tremendous experience, particularly for Miller who came on after 69 minutes for his international debut. Regular Olyroo and Socceroo Wehrman played the opening 45 minutes before being replaced at half-time.

ANSWERS TO QUIZ

1. 6-0 (v Canberra Cosmos) 2. Scott Miller 3. Four 4. 4-3 to Australia 5. Steve Corica and Scott Chipperfield 6. One 7. Sydney Olympic 8. Four 9. Birmingham City 10. Dundee

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